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| Lieut. L. C. C. Hobson<br>(Trinidad)        | { Mr. J. Vigour.<br>Mr. G. R. Alston.                  |
| Mr. George Geddes<br>Kirton                 | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.<br>Mr. W. M. Campbell.             |
| Mr. Harry J. Crowe<br>(Canada)              | { Sir Max Aitken, Bart.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.           |
| Mr. Archibald Galloway                      | { Mr. Charles Hales.<br>Mr. Harold L. Carey.           |
| Second Lieut. J. A.<br>Robotham (St. Kitts) | { Lt. G. B. Mason, R.A.M.C.<br>Mr. F. H. S. Warneford. |
| Mr. R. F. Williams                          | { Mr. Charles V. Calder.<br>Mr. C. Lister Clarke.      |

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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the West India Committee. Nov: 9<sup>th</sup> 1916.

Present Mr. G. Middleton Campbell

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| Mr. G. R. Alston        | Mr. M. Garnett       |
| .. C. Algernon Campbell | .. T. Greenwood      |
| .. Edward R. Davson     | .. G. P. B. Shephard |
| .. E. A. de Pass        | .. H. d'E. Spooner   |
| .. H. Crumpling         | .. Algernon Aspinall |
| .. G. Fawcett B.Sc.     | Sec:                 |

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Membership report:

Members 1563 including 19 life members.

Subscribers 70.

The following new members were elected

| Candidate.                                      | Proposer & Seconder.                                      |
|---|---|
| His Excellency Sir Edward Merewether, K.C.V.O.  | { Mr. C. M. Campbell.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.                |
| Vice-Admiral Montague E. Browning, C.B., M.V.O. | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.<br>Mr. W. Gordon Gordon.              |
| Mr. William P. Ross (Grenada)                   | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter.                 |
| Miss Mary Moseley (The Bahamas)                 | { Hon. W. Hart-Bennett, C.M.G.<br>Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C. |

A draft letter to the Treasury on the subject of the position of rum under the Immature Spirits (Restriction) Act was read & Mr. de Bass & Mr. Dawson were authorised to amend it, if necessary, after meeting a delegation of the Wine & Spirit Trade Assn & to send it in to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The proceedings at a meeting of importers of best Indian Crystallised Sugar held on Oct: 31 to consider the decision of the Royal Commission to prohibit the imports of Syrup sugars except those destined for brewing purposes (see Sublee: Minute Book) were reported.

Correspondence between the Secretary &

J. G. R. Parkin C.M.G., LL.D with reference to the provision of more Rhodes Scholarships for the British West Indies in view of the proposed abolition of the German scholarships was laid on the table & approved.

A Memorial to the Prime Minister urging the formation of a Ministry of Commerce & Industry was submitted by the London Chamber of Commerce and signed by the Members present.

Mr. de Pass raised a question regarding the refusal of an Allied Government to give up goods detained in their ports in enemy bottoms since the outbreak of war & the Secretary was instructed to lay the matter before the Colonial & Foreign Offices.

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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of  
the West India Committee. Dec. 14 1916

Present: Mr. G. Middleton Campbell in  
the Chair.

Mr. R. Rutherford

.. C. A. Campbell

.. E. R. Dawson

.. G. Fawcett B.Sc

.. E. L. Marshall

.. T. Greenwood

.. H. A. Trotter

.. Algernon E. Crippinall Secretary

The minutes of the preceding meeting were  
read and confirmed.

Membership 1573 . Subscribers 69 .

The Secretary was instructed to remove the  
following from the list of Members, their  
subscriptions for 1915 not having been paid:

G. R. Andrew

S<sup>r</sup>: Vincent Cotton Growing Assoc.

C. F. Lassalle

W. E. I. Reed  
 G. Young  
 J. C. McCormick  
 A. E. Jones  
 G. Raillat  
 R. Flack  
 F. D. Thomas  
 G. H. Bradshaw  
 T. Mayers  
 J. Casachio  
 G. Hodgson  
 T. H. L. Davenport  
 E. R. F. Burgess  
 F. Delisser  
 Miller & Nephew  
 - H. S. Smith

( 19 )

### Obituary

H. E. McCulloch  
 Col. G. J. Slack  
 J. O. Challenges  
 Capt. W. L. Sluiger

( 4 )

### Resignation

Charles McInerney

( 1 )

### To be restored to the list

H. C. Barnes  
 - E. C. Buck

( 2 )



The following were elected to Membership of the West India Committee:

| Candidate.                              | Proposer & Seconder.  |
|---|---|
| Mr. H. J. Meagher (Martinique)          | { Mr. E. G. Bennett, K.C.<br>{ Hon. Gregor Peter.                         |
| Mr. P. G. Greaves (Nevis)               | { Mr. J. Spencer Hollings.<br>{ Mr. E. Williams.                          |
| Messrs. H. I. Ellis & Co. (St. Vincent) | { Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.<br>{ Mr. W. M. Campbell.                           |
| Rev. John L. Brack, B.A.                | { Mr. Peter Abel.<br>{ Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.                            |
| Captain Michael S. Grace (Jamaica)      | { Captain J. Hamilton.<br>{ Mr. W. M. Campbell.                           |
| Mr. Geo. E. Laughlin (Trinidad)         | { Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.<br>{ Mr. Harcourt Hamel Smith.                |
| Mr. David Findlay (Trinidad)            | { Mr. James Black.<br>{ Mr. Jas. Knox.                                    |
| Dr. Arthur H. McShine, M.D. (Trinidad)  | { Mr. J. W. McCarthy.<br>{ Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>{ Sir F. Hodgson, K.C.M.G. |
| Mrs. De Rinzy                           | { Mrs. Bromley.   |
| Rev. Richard W. Charlesworth            | { Mr. D. Foster Ross.<br>{ Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.                      |
| Rev. Arthur L. Bodfish (Jamaica)        | { Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.<br>{ Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.                    |
| Mr. R. F. Leavitt (Dominica)            | { Mr. L. Lambert Bell.<br>{ Mr. E. Henderson.                             |
| Capt. W. C. Anderson, D.S.O. (Trinidad) | { Mr. W. M. Campbell.<br>{ Mr. H. A. Trotter.                             |
| Mr. James Scott (Grenada)               | { Mr. H. A. Trotter.<br>{ Mr. W. M. Campbell.                             |
| Mr. F. E. J. Bower                      | { Mr. Bernard Bonyun.<br>{ Mr. R. Rutherford.                             |

Correspondence was laid on the table regarding the Virgin Islands' Cyclone of October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Consideration ~~regarding~~ of a letter from the Royal Technical College of Glasgow regarding the endowment of a Chair of Sugar Chemistry was deferred to next meeting.

A letter having been sent to the Secretary

on the subject of Mr. C. Sandbach Parker the Committee confirmed the arrangement that private addresses of members should not be given to other members except when such addresses were authorised for publication. It was, however, agreed that the Secretary might relax the rule when desirable.

Mr. Rutherford reported that a Conference between representatives of the Colonial Office, the West India Committee & Fiji Sugar producers on the subject of Immigration was meeting at the Colonial Office.

The Secretary reported that the Wine and Spirit Trade Association had decided not to support the representations of the Committee in respect of the Invention Spirits Act.

Wm. D. Campbell

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of the  
West India Committee, Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> 1917

Present Mr. G. M. Campbell

" R. Rutherford

Mr. E. H. Dawson

Mr. H. A. Trotter

" G. Moody Stuart

Sir William Trollope

" H. d'É. Spooner

Mr. Algernon L. Espinall  
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The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read  
and confirmed.

Membership Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1916. Subscribers

The following were elected members of the West  
India Committee:-

| Candidate.  | Proposer & Second.       |
|---|--------------------------|
| Mr. S. L. Vaughan<br>Green (Dominica)             | Mr. W. C. Winston.       |
|   | Mr. J. Herbert Scrutton. |
| Mr. A. R. Ling                                    | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.  |
|   | Mr. W. M. Campbell.      |
| Mr. G. R. Gonsalves<br>(Antigua)                  | Mr. José Anjo.           |
|   | Mr. Francis A. Joaquim.  |
| Mr. J. C. Farquharson<br>(Jamaica)                | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.   |
|   | Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.    |
| Lieut. L. R. Wheeler,<br>B.Sc., F.C.S. (Trinidad) | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.  |
|   | Mr. E. R. Davson.        |
| Mr. G. C. Benson                                  | Mr. S. S. A. Cambridge.  |
|   | Mr. E. R. Davson.        |
| Corpl. L. C. Jeffrey-<br>Smith (Jamaica)          | Mr. H. A. Trotter.       |
|   | Mr. R. Rutherford.       |
| Rifleman A. J. Darrell                            | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.  |
|   | Mr. W. M. Campbell.      |
| Mr. R. F. Garraway<br>(Dominica)                  | Dr. A. H. Rich.          |
|   | Mr. G. Moody-Stuart.     |
| Mr. S. W. Fitt<br>(Trinidad)                      | Sir T. Fenwick, K.C.M.G. |
|   | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.  |
| Corpl. E. N. Richards<br>(Jamaica)                | Mr. H. D. Spooner.       |
|   | Mr. W. M. Campbell.      |
| Mrs. Violet Lee                                   | Mr. H. D. Spooner.       |
|   | Mr. W. M. Campbell.      |

Mr. Edward Dawson was nominated representative  
of the West India Committee to attend the meetings  
of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the British

West Indies at Trinidad in February.

Letter from E. Packard & Co regarding exports of super. phosphates & sulphate of ammonia to British Colonies was read. (Jan: 1) The Secretary was instructed to reply that that no difficulty had been experienced in shipping fertilisers & that if exports were prohibited there should be no difficulty about obtaining licenses.

Correspondence with the Royal Technical College of Glasgow was reconsidered & it was decided to recommend favourably an appeal for subscriptions to maintain the Sugar Lectureship for a period of years as before.

Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Moody Stuart & Mr. Dawson were appointed a deputation to meet the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply at the request of that body.

Wm. D. Johnston

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the  
West India Committee, Thursday February 2 1917.

Present Mr. G. Middleton Campbell  
in the Chair

" R. Rutherford

|                          |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mr. C. Algernon Campbell | Mr. G. R. Alston                     |
| " G. Fawcett B.Sc.       | " G. Moody Stuart                    |
| " T. Greenwood           | " G. P. B. Shephard                  |
| " H. Malcolmson          | " H. A. Trotter                      |
| " C. Sandbach Parker     | " Algernon E. Cospinall<br>Secretary |
| " J. H. Scuttan          |                                      |

The minutes of the preceding meeting were  
read and confirmed.

Memberships 1571. Subscribers 70.

Sir Frederick Clarke's resignation as Hon: Correspondent  
in Barbados was accepted with regret & a vote of  
thanks for his past services was passed unanimously.

The following Hon: Correspondents were appointed:

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Mr. J. H. Gilkinson | for Barbados  |
| " C. V. C. Hane     | " St: Vincent |

Mr. William Gillespie was appointed an Hon:  
~~Correspondent~~ Treasurer.

FINANCE (No. 2) ACT, 1915. PART III. EXCESS PROFITS.

Algernon Edward Aspinall, of 15, Seething Lane, in the City of London, Robert Wilson Tomlinson, of 134, Wellington Street, Glasgow; and William Speed, of 3, Cook Street, Liverpool, having, as the Secretaries of the West India Committee, the West India Association of Glasgow, and the West India Association of Liverpool, respectively, made application under this Act to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for an increase of the Statutory percentage as respects the class of trade or business herein-after defined, that is to say:—

“The business of growing sugar-canes, or growing and manufacturing cane sugar, in the British West Indies and in British Guiana”;

AND THE COMMISSIONERS OF INLAND REVENUE having referred the case to the Board of Referees appointed for the purpose of Part III. of this Act by the Treasury;

AND THE BOARD having heard the applicants and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue by their duly appointed representatives upon the merits of the said applications, and having dealt with the case,

THE BOARD DOETH ORDER that as from the commencement of this Act the Statutory percentage as respects the business hereinbefore defined shall be increased to eleven per cent. In the case of a business carried on or owned by a Company or body Corporate, and to twelve per cent. in the case of any other trade or business.

(Signed)

C. BONE RENSHAW,  
Chairman.

J. K. F. CLEAVE,  
D. DU B. DAVIDSON,  
Joint Registrars.

The 11th day of January, 1917.

The following new Members were elected:

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| Mr. C. Harley<br>Moseley, C.M.G.         | { | Sir F. Hodgson, K.C.M.G.,<br>Miss Moseley [V.D.] |
| Mr. Thomas<br>Duncanson                  | { | Mr. W. C. Robertson.<br>Mr. John R. Forster.     |
| Mr. Houston Hutchings<br>(Turks Islands) | { | Mr. G. Whitfield Smith.<br>Mr. W. M. Campbell.   |
| Dr. H. A. Tempany,<br>D.Sc. (Mauritius)  | { | Mr. G. Moody Stuart.<br>Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.    |
| Mr. L. G. Crosby<br>(New Brunswick)      | { | Mr. G. MacG. Mitchell.<br>Mr. G. R. Alston.      |
| Mr. Douglas G. Pile<br>(Barbados)        | { | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. W. P. B. Shepheard.    |

Mr. C. Sandbach Parker reported the proceedings at the Conference held at the Colonial Office from Dec. 12 1916 to Jan 9 1917 on the subject of Immigration & the following resolution was passed unanimously.

THAT the Executive of the West India Committee, having learnt unofficially that the instructions have been given that during the current recruiting season three out of every four East Indian Labourers recruited are to be ear-marked for Fiji, and only one for British Guiana and the British West Indies, desire to protest very strongly against this decision, which they regard as detrimental to the British West Indian Colonies, and especially British Guiana which has a population far more sparse than that of Fiji. They further desire to record their deep surprise and regret that this decision was not announced at the Conference only recently concluded at the Colonial Office between representatives of Fiji, British Guiana, Jamaica, Trinidad and the Colonial Office.

It was decided to ask Mr. Steel Maitland to receive the Chairman, Mr. Rutherford & Mr. Parker.

The decision of the Board of Referees relative to the Excess Profits Duty in the case of the Sugar Industry (see opposite) was laid on the table.

Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Moody Stuart & Mr. Scrutton were requested to confer as to the desirability of making

representations in view of the probable increase 12  
in the Excess Profits duty.

A letter sent to the President of Board of Trade  
suggesting that, in view of the desirability of economising  
tonnage, Cuban runs might be temporarily shut out  
of the United Kingdom was approved. (Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>)

An acknowledgment from Sir Albert Stanley  
stating that the matter would be referred to a  
departmental Committee (Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>) was read.

Correspondence regarding the prohibition of the  
exports of Sulphate of Ammonia was laid on the  
table. It appeared that if after May any  
supplies of the fertiliser were available, licenses  
for its export would probably be granted.

The Secretary reported the action that was  
being taken with regard to West Indian produce  
interned in enemy bottoms at the Azores at the  
outbreak of war, and subsequently taken to  
Lisbon.



It was resolved to convert £300 4½ per cent  
 Gas Loan into new Gas Loan & to apply for £300  
 of the new Gas Loan in addition & to affix  
 the seal of the Committee to the necessary  
 documents.

It was decided to send a congratulatory  
 cablegram to the Associated Chamber of  
 Commerce on the occasion of the inaugural  
 meeting to be held in February.

A letter from the British Guiana Chamber of  
 Commerce complaining of the refusal of the  
 Combined Court to vote money for tide gauges  
 & asking the Committee to lay the facts before  
 the Secretary of State & London Chamber of  
 Commerce was laid before the meeting. It  
 appearing that the tide gauges had now been  
 provided the Secretary was instructed to pass forward  
 the letter without comment.

Widdell Campbell

Meeting of the Executive 8 MAR 1917

Present Mr. Middleton Campbell

Mr. R. Rutherford                      Mr. E. L. Marshall  
 " C. Gurney                              + Algernon E. Aspinall  
 " C. A. Campbell    Secretary  
 " E. A. de Bass  
 " L. Fawcett                              Mr. S. Cameron of Liverpool  
 " T. Greenwood                              was also present.

Minutes of Meeting February 2 were read and confirmed. Minutes of Meeting of proprietors and Merchants held on February 26 were also confirmed.

Clituary

His Hon. Leslie Jarvis  
 G. Graf  
 J.G. Rust  
 Cecil Morris  
 Hon. J.S. Hollings

Resignations

Mrs. Tringham (1. 1915)  
 Gaston de Chalus  
 J. Hicks Bratt  
 Hon. W.L. McKnistry  
 James A.P. Bowhill  
 Mrs. Burdon  
 F. Bonham Smith, I.S.O.  
 Frame Food Co.  
 R.F.H. Webb  
 His Hon. Chief Justice P.M.C. Sheriff  
 G.M. Fowler  
 Bryant & May  
 Mrs. John Hutchinson  
 T.R. Aikman  
 H.S. Birch  
 Wreford & Co.  
 Miss E. Robinson  
 R.S. Rowbottom  
 F.H. Watkins, I.S.O.

To be restored to the list  
 J. Elderfield Syett

The following were elected to Membership:

| Name.   | Proposer and Seconder.                                  |
|---|---|
| Sergeant Alan H. Ferry,<br>R.A.M.C.             | { Mr. T. Greenwood.<br>Mr. W. Middleton Campbell.       |
| Mr. S. Stanford Stone.                          | { Mr. Francis B. B. Shand.<br>Sir W. H. Trollope, Bart. |
| Mr. Jos. E. Kernahan<br>(Trinidad).             | { Miss Moseley.<br>Mr. A. Harcourt Hamel Smith.         |
| Mr. John Robert<br>Rochford (Trinidad).         | { Miss Moseley.<br>Mr. A. Harcourt Hamel Smith.         |
| Hon. Charles C.<br>Greaves (Nevis).             | { Mr. E. S. Delisle.<br>Mr. E. Williams.                |
| Mrs. Edward Dixon<br>(Jamaica).                 | { Mrs. Bromley.<br>Mr. W. Fawcett.                      |
| Lieut. J. R. A. Branch.                         | { Mr. Donald McDonald.<br>Mr. W. Middleton Campbell.    |
| Mr. F. W. Urich, F.E.S.<br>C.M.Z.S. (Trinidad). | { Mr. G. MacG. Frame.<br>Mr. Claude Connell.            |
| Mr. Charles A. Child<br>(Trinidad).             | { Mr. M. Hamel Smith.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.               |
| Mr. C. J. Sanford Elvey.                        | { Mr. Frank J. Evans.<br>Mr. W. Fawcett.                |
| Mr. G. L. Lamotte.                              | { Mrs. Noël G. Hackney.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.           |
| 2nd Lieut. Marshall<br>Greig.                   | { Mr. R. H. McCarthy, C.M.G.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
| Mr. J. J. Brown,<br>L.R.C.P.                    | { Mr. S. A. Cambridge.<br>Mr. W. Middleton Campbell.    |
| Mr. E. Mortimer Duke,<br>L.L.B. (Brit. Guiana). | { Mrs. John Bromley.<br>Miss M. Moseley.                |
| Mrs. Howard Marsh.                              | { Mr. Howard Marsh.<br>Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.          |
| Mr. John M. Tallantyre.                         | { Mr. W. Fawcett.<br>Mr. W. Middleton Campbell.         |

The Hon. Treasurers reported that Mr. F. S. Goodstone  
& Mr. C. R. C. Hart had taken up Life Memberships.

Correspondence & cablegrams regarding the pro-  
hibition of imports were read & approved & it was  
decided to inform the Ministry of Munitions  
through the Colonial Office that proprietors would  
be glad to meet their representative to discuss  
the manufacture & sale of alcohol for munition  
purposes.

Read letter from the London Section of the Society of Chemical Industry announcing the appointment of a Committee of Sugar Experts to enquire into the production of sugar within the Empire. Feb 22 1917

The Secretary was instructed to express the satisfaction of the Committee with this announcement.

The Secretary was authorised to convene a meeting to consider the effect of the requisitioning of the steamers of the House Line.

Read letter from the Royal Technical College of Glasgow stating that the Committee's appeal on behalf of the Sugar School had resulted in subscriptions of £245 for five years & donations to the extent of £73 being received.

Cablegrams from the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the British West Indies were read & received with much satisfaction.

Widdicombe

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive April 12 1917.

Present: Mr. L. Middleton Campbell in the Chair

" R. Rutherford

Mr. G. R. Alston

Mr. H. A. Trotter

" E. A. de Pass

" G. Moody Stuart

" T. Greenwood

Sir William Trollope Bart.

& Mr. Algernon C. Aspinall Secretary.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read & confirmed.

Members: 1571 ; Subscribers 71.

Resignation: Messrs J. R. Tennent & Co

Obituary: Major-General J. M. C. Galloway

Elected:

| Candidate  | Proposer and Seconder.                         |
|--|--|
| Sir Hugo Fitzherbert, Bart.                      | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter.     |
| Mr. Lionel H. Miller                             | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. Wm. Gillespie.     |
| Leach's Argentine Estates, Ltd.                  | { Mr. Harold Carey.<br>Mr. Stephen Ewen.       |
| Mr. John Edward Sealy                            | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass.     |
| The Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd. (Canada)     | { Mr. H. A. Trotter.<br>Sir W. Trollope, Bart. |
| Mr. David Morrin (Trinidad)                      | { Mr. Thomas Boyd.<br>Mr. Geo. F. Huggins.     |
| Capt. Findlater L. Roper (Jamaica)               | { Miss Mary Moseley.<br>Mr. Wm. Gillespie.     |
| Mrs. J. M. C. Galloway                           | { Miss Mary Moseley.<br>Sir W. Trollope, Bart. |
| St. Kitts (Basseterre) Sugar Factory (St. Kitts) | { Mr. W. Moody Stuart.<br>Mr. Wm. Gillespie.   |

Mr E. A. de Pass reported an interview which he & the Secretary had had with Sir L. Fletcher at the Ministry of Shipping regarding the threatened suspension of sailings between Calcutta & the West Indies; and a

letter from Sir Aubrey Brooke Leake, dated March, stating that arrangements had been made to berth the "Directa" to the West Indies, & that it was hoped that other steamers might follow, was received with satisfaction. It was decided, however, to endeavour to secure that Jamaica might be included in the itinerary.

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Jamaica Standing Committee held on March 28<sup>th</sup> to consider the possibility of the manufacture of alcohol & its sale to the Ministry of Munitions were read. The Chairman criticized the terms ~~proposed~~ agreed to in the case of British Guiana and W. de Pass those proposed for Jamaica.

Letters dated March 12 <sup>requesting the Committee to forward to</sup> ~~from~~ the Secretary of State for the Colonies resolutions adopted at the first Triennial Meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the British West Indies & informing the Committee that it had been appointed to

Hon. Memberships of that body were read. The Secretary was instructed to reply to Mr. Trapp, the Hon. Sec., informing him that the resolutions had been transmitted to the Colonial Office as requested, and asking him to thank the Chamber for the compliment paid to the West India Committee. He was further instructed to congratulate Mr. Edward Dawson upon his appointment to be President of the Associated Chambers.

Resolutions adopted by the Royal Agricultural & Commercial Society of British Guiana on the subject of trade after the war (Feb: 5) were laid on the table & the Secretary was instructed to thank the Secretary of the Society for transmitting them.

The Chairman reported the position with regard to Sulphate of Ammonia exports.

May 10<sup>th</sup> was fixed as the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Wm. J. Campbell

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive - May 10 1917

Present Mr. G. M. Campbell  
" R. Rutherford

- |                  |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Mr. Cyril Gurney | Mr. T. Greenwood             |
| " G. Gillespie   | " H. Malcolmson              |
| " J. R. Alston   | " E. L. Marshall             |
| " C. A. Campbell | " C. S. Parker               |
| " E. A. de Bass  | " G. Moody Stuart            |
| " Mr. Garnett    | " H. A. Trotter              |
| Mr. G. Gillespie | Sir William Trollope<br>Bart |

& Mr. Algernon E. Caspiall Secretary.

The minutes of the preceding meeting which had been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

Membership 1578 . Subscribers 71 .

It was moved by Mr. G. M. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Cyril Gurney that Mr. Robert Rutherford be elected Chairman of the West India Committee. The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman moved a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Campbell for his services as Chairman. The resolution was seconded by Mr. E. L. Marshall, supported by Mr.



C. Sandbach Parker & carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Greenwood & carried unanimously that Mr. Henry Alexander Trotter be elected Deputy-Chairman of the West India Committee.

The following were elected Members of the West India Committee:

| Candidate.                              | Proposer and Seconder.                          |
|---|---|
| Dr. F. G. Rose<br>(British Guiana).     | { Mr. Mewburn Garnett.<br>Mr. John Brumell.     |
| Mr. M. P. Comach<br>(British Guiana).   | { Mr. T. Greenwood.<br>Mr. John Brumell.        |
| Mr. R. C. Otway, J.P.<br>(St. Vincent). | { Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.    |
| Mr. Donald E. Malone<br>(Nevis).        | { Mr. Wm. Gillespie.<br>Mr. Howard K. F. Smith. |
| Messrs. A. F. Craig &<br>Co., Ltd.      | { Mr. W. Scott Herriot.<br>Mr. H. Crum Ewing.   |
| Mr. James Brown<br>(Surinam).           | { Mr. J. Johnstone Kirke.<br>Mr. Robert Kirke.  |

Clintony Major George Carew.

Resignations: Mr. H. Balmisley (2. 1918) & Mr. J. J. Evans.

A letter having been read from Mr. G. P. B. Shephard M.A. resigning membership of the Executive it was resolved that Mr. Shephard's resignation be accepted with sincere regret & that a letter be sent to him thanking him for his services especially in drafting the petition to the King for the grant of the Royal

Charter of Incorporation in 1904.

A letter to the Colonial Office regarding the grant of licenses for export of Sulphate of Ammonia to the West Indies was approved. (May 7)

It was decided that it would be undesirable to give further publicity to a statement made in the House of Commons by Captain Bathurst M.P. on May 2 as to the bulk of sugar imported containing "sand and clay, and specimens of the sugar house" (though it was agreed that this was grossly inaccurate) by writing to the Press.

It was resolved that Mr. E. R. Dawson, Mr. C. S. Parker, Mr. C. A. Campbell, Mr. A. McConnell, Mr. T. Greenwood & Mr. W. Garnett be appointed a British Guiana Standing Committee with power to coopt other members.

A letter from the Crown Agents dated April 20

inviting suggestions as to the appointment of a  
Sea Defence Engineer was referred to that Committee.

The Secretary was authorised to send a Circular  
letter to proprietors on the subject of Chemical  
Control in Sugar Factories.

R. Rutherford

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive June 14 1917

Present: Mr R. Nuttallford  
 " H. A. Trotter

Mr E. R. Dawson

Mr H. X. Spooner

" E. A. de Pass

" H. A. Trotter

" L. Gillespie

" G. Moody-Stuart

" E. L. Marshall

Sir William Trollope Bart:

& Mr Algernon C. Aspinall Secretary.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

It was decided to revert to the practice of holding meetings fortnightly in future & alternate Thursdays at 3-30 P.M. were provisionally fixed as the day and hour of meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Dawson on his return from his successful tour in the West Indies, and thanked him for what he had done for the Committee.

Membership 1582

Subscribers 70

Chitany: The Bishop of Barbados  
 Capt. Hicks, L. G. Sampson, L. G.  
 Pattigan & P. J. Bradden (S.)

The names of the following members over one year in arrears of subscription were removed from the list of members:

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| W. L. Johnson & Co. | Barbados       |
| D. S. Dougall       | British Guiana |
| Hon. J. Downer      | " "            |
| Dr. C. H. Downer    | " "            |
| Institute of Mines  | " "            |
| H. J. Phillips      | " "            |
| Capt. C. H. Elgee   | Montserrat     |
| A. A. Baron         | Dominica       |
| E. R. L. Henderson  | "              |
| B. E. Sharrers      | Jamaica        |

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|---|-----------|
| A. S. Verley                            | JAMAICA   |
| C. Jongue                               | St. Lucia |
| P. M. H. Allahar                        | Trinidad  |
| H. A. Neal                              | "         |
| J. Potter                               | Tobago    |
| S. W. Mathews                           | Nevis     |
| L. W. Clemens                           | "         |
| { J. H. Wale restored to list June 28 } |           |
| W. A. Harris                            | "         |
| A. C. Lee                               | "         |

letter sent 29/6/17

The following were elected members of the West India Committee:

| Name.  | Proposer and Seconder.                       |
|--|--|
| Sir Walter Egerton,<br>K.C.M.G.                | { Mr. R. Rutherford.                         |
|  | { Mr. H. A. Trotter.                         |
| Rev. H. H. Morton<br>(Trinidad)                | { Mr. Edgar Tripp.                           |
|  | { Mr. J. J. McLeod.                          |
| Mr. N. Macleod Balden<br>(British Guiana)      | { Mr. Edward R. Davson.                      |
|  | { Major Ivan B. Davson.                      |
| Mr. Cecil Farrar<br>(British Guiana)           | { Mr. Edward R. Davson.                      |
|  | { Major Ivan B. Davson.                      |
| Hon. E. C. Fraser, C.M.G.<br>(Mauritius)       | { Sir Hesketh Bell, K.C.M.G.                 |
|  | { Hon. A. Grannum, C.M.G.                    |
| Mr. W. Briggs Clarke,<br>M.B., C.M. (Barbados) | { Mr. R. Rutherford.                         |
|  | { Sir William Trollope, Bt.                  |
| Mr. Julian M. Iles<br>(Trinidad)               | { Mr. Edgar Mortimer Duke.                   |
|  | { Miss Moseley.                              |
| Mr. H. P. Sewell<br>(Jamaica)                  | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.                          |
|  | { Mr. H. A. Trotter.                         |
| Northside Sugar Plan-<br>ters' Assn. (Jamaica) | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.                          |
|  | { Mr. H. A. Trotter.                         |
| Miss Carrington                                | { Mr. R. Rutherford.                         |
|  | { Sir W. H. Trollope, Bart.                  |
| Mr. F. Windridge                               | { Mr. R. Rutherford.                         |
|  | { Mr. Edward R. Davson.                      |
| Mr. George Parrott                             | { Mr. G. M. Frame.                           |
|  | { Mr. Harold Carey.                          |
| Mrs. Molineux-<br>Montgomerie                  | { Rt. Hon. The Earl of<br>Harewood, K.C.V.O. |
|  | { Sir W. H. Trollope, Bart.                  |
| Mr. Ernest B. Jago<br>(Trinidad)               | { Mr. F. H. Hammond.                         |
|  | { Mr. Edgar Tripp.                           |
| Mr. A. Lewis Inniss<br>(Trinidad)              | { Mr. Edgar Tripp.                           |
|  | { Mr. H. W. Braithwaite.                     |

On the motion of Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Marshall, Mr. G. C. Colseley was unanimously elected a member of the Executive.

On the motion of Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. de Bass, Mr. G. M. Frame was unanimously elected a member of the Executive.

Correspondence with the Colonial Office regarding the grant of licenses for the export of Sulphate of Ammonia was reported. It appearing that while the Colonial Office had stated that permission to export that manure could now be granted it was still withheld, the Secretary was instructed to call on the Food Production Department of the Board of Agriculture.

Correspondence regarding cablegrams from Jamaica and Trinidad as to freight

facilities was laid on the table & action taken in this connection was approved.

The Secretary reported that, pending the issue of a further Order in Council, rum was being allowed to be withdrawn for consumption after 18 months' warehousing.

Correspondence regarding the manufacture of alcohol for munitions purposes was laid on the table.

Read letter from the Colonial Office regarding the appointment of a Committee on Blue-books &c. A letter sent by the Secretary to Sir Arthur Steel Maitland on the subject was approved & it was left to Mr. Dawson and the Secretary to reply to the enquiries of the Colonial Office.

At the suggestion of Mr. Murray T. Jew the Committee considered the Charter of the British Trade Corporation. In view especially of the Declaration published that meaning that the Corporation would not compete with merchants it was decided that no action was called for.

A letter from the Royal Commission (Sugar) on Sugar Shipments from outports in Jamaica was referred to the Jamaica Standing Committee.

R. Rutherford

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Membership Statistics.

|                  |   |              |
|------------------|---|--------------|
| Members          |   | 1572         |
| Restored to List | 1 | <del>1</del> |
| Elected          | 8 | <del>8</del> |
|                  |   | <hr/>        |
|                  |   | 1581         |

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive. June 28<sup>th</sup> 1917

Present: Mr. R. Rutherford  
 " H. A. Trotter  
 Mr. C. C. Campbell      Mr. H. D. Spooner  
 " E. R. Davson      " J. Moody Stuart  
 " E. A. de Pass      Sir William Trollope Bart.  
 " Mr. Garnett      Mr. G. A. Wolseley  
 " L. Gillespie      Mr. G. M. Frame  
 " L. Malcolmson      " Algernon E. Aspinall  
Secretary

The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Membership 1572 ; Subscribers 70

The names of ~~Miss Stedman~~ & W. J. H. Gale were  
(page 25)  
 restored to the List of Members, their subscriptions  
 having been paid.

The following eight new Members were elected:

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| R. R. Mole<br>(Trinidad)                  | { Mr. W. A. Wolseley.  |
| The Clyde Cane<br>Sugar Agency.           | { Mr. Gregor M. Frame. |
| The Glebe Sugar<br>Refining Co., Ltd.     | { Mr. R. Rutherford.   |
| Furness, Withy &<br>Co., Ltd.             | { Mr. H. A. Trotter.   |
| Lieut. G. P. Boon,<br>R.F.A. (Montserrat) | { Mr. R. Rutherford.   |
| Major Max Smith<br>(Trinidad)             | { Mr. Gregor M. Frame. |
| Mr. Charles Dede<br>(Trinidad)            | { Mr. E. Baynes.       |
| Mr. Sydney Hamel<br>Smith                 | { Mr. E. R. Davson.    |
|   | { Mr. R. Rutherford.   |
|   | { Mr. H. D. Spooner.   |
|   | { Mr. Thomas Boyd.     |
|   | { Mr. H. F. Smith.     |
|   | { Mr. M. Hamel Smith.  |
|   | { Mr. Edgar Tripp.     |
|   | { Mr. M. Hamel Smith.  |
|   | { Mr. Edgar Tripp.     |

Mr. Moody Stuart reported on the proceedings at a meeting of Sulphate of Ammonia "Export Traders" at the Food Production Department of the Board of Agriculture. With him, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Parker and the Secretary attended on June 22.

Mr. Moody Stuart & Mr. Cameron were appointed representatives of the Committee to meet the "Export Traders" as provided by clause (c) of the Constitution of that body, and Mr. Dawson was appointed to deputise for Mr. Cameron when that gentleman was away.

The Secretary reported that negotiations with regard to the provision of tonnage for lifting cacao in Trinidad for Havana & in respect of the Jamaica steamer services had been successful & a letter of thanks from Mr. A. G. Farquharson on behalf of the Banana planters

in Jamaica was read.

Correspondence regarding the S.S. Director's Calcutta - West Indies voyage was read & regret was expressed that space in this vessel which was badly needed for produce & bags for the British West Indies should have been allocated to the Cuba trade.

The Secretary reported that the Ministry of Shipping had consented to alcohol being given priority after prescribed articles of food supply in loading vessels in the West Indies.

At the suggestion of Mr. Frame the Secretary was authorised to convene a meeting of members interested in cacao & coffee to consider the advisability of forming a section of the British Empire Producers' Organisation in respect of those

commodities.

Letters were read from several firms of merchants regarding the grant of permits to export tins for essential oils to the West Indies.

The Secretary was instructed to enquire into the matter.

R. Rutherford.

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Membership 1581

Elected 26/7/17  $\frac{19}{1600}$

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee  
July 26<sup>th</sup> 1917.

Present: Mr. Rutherford in the Chair

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Mr. E. R. Davson            | Mr. E. L. Marshall   |
| " E. A. de Pass             | " C. Sandbach Parker |
| " G. Fawcett                | " H. D. Spomer       |
| " M. Garnett                | " G. A. Golsley      |
| " T. Greenwood              | " G. M. Frame        |
| " W. Gillespie              |                      |
| - Mr. Algernon E. Crippsall |                      |
|                             | Secretary            |

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Members: 1581      Subscribers 70

The following were elected Members of the West India Committee:

| Candidate                                   | Proposer and Seconder.  |
|---|---|
| Mr. Frank J. De Freitas<br>(British Guiana) | { Mr. John Brummell.<br>Mr. E. R. Davson.                               |
| Mr. Thomas A. Siddall                       | { Mr. Allen Campbell.   |
| Messrs. J. B. Sheriff & Co.<br>Ltd.         | { Messrs. J. K. Gilliat & Co.<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. G. M. Frame. |
| Mr. Edwin U. Wing                           | { Mr. F. Evans.<br>Mr. C. Sandford Elvey.                               |
| Mr. George Fraser<br>(St. Vincent)          | { Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.<br>Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.                         |
| Mr. William H. Orrett<br>(Jamaica)          | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.                               |
| Messrs. J. H. Rayner & Co.                  | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Messrs. Wilson Smithett & Co.                   |
| Mr. F. W. Hudson<br>(Grenada)               | { Hon. W. Grahame Lang.<br>Mr. C. V. C. Horne.                          |
| Mr. D. Thompson<br>(Grenada)                | { Hon. W. Grahame Lang.<br>Mr. C. V. C. Horne.                          |

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|--|-----------------------------|
| Mr. T. E. Noble Smith<br>(Grenada)     | { Hon. W. Grahame Lang.     |
| Mr. F. S. Noel<br>(Grenada)            | { Mr. C. V. C. Horne.       |
| Mr. Chas. Harold, M.E.<br>(Grenada)    | { Hon. W. Grahame Lang.     |
| Mr. Edward Pratt<br>(Jamaica)          | { Mr. C. V. C. Horne.       |
| Mr. Charles Hutson<br>(British Guiana) | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.         |
| Mrs. Mary C. Garnett<br>(Cuba)         | { Mr. H. A. Trotter.        |
| Mrs. M. G. Armsby<br>(U.S.A.)          | { Mr. E. N. Richards.       |
| Mr. Wm. Aubrey Gaskin<br>(Trinidad)    | { Mr. E. R. Davson.         |
| Mr. Geo. H. Champion                   | { Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.   |
| Mrs. Centeno.                          | { Mr. M. Garnett.           |
|  | { Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.   |
|  | { Mr. M. Garnett.           |
|  | { Mr. M. A. French.         |
|  | { Mr. W. W. Arnott.         |
|  | { Messrs. James Nourse, Ltd |
|  | { Mr. G. C. Hampton.        |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
|  | { Mr. W. Gillespie.         |

Correspondence with the British Guiana  
Planters Union (July 11), and the British Empire  
Producers' Organisation (July 11) regarding the  
prohibition of the import of rum into the  
United Kingdom was read. It was decided to  
urge the Government, when needing more  
rum, to make good its requirements from the  
British West Indies and when it becomes possible  
to relax the present import restrictions to  
remove the prohibition from the importation of  
British Colonial Rum only.



Read letter from the Ministry of Munitions (July 7:) stating that priority would be given to alcohol after prescribed goods for shipment in the British West Indies. The Secretary added that the Assistant Director of Propellant Supplies had since telephoned to state that 200 tons of cargo space would be allotted to alcohol for munitions purposes monthly.

Read letter from the Colonial Office to the effect that arrangements had now been made for the Veloce line to lift cargo at Trinidad, and that negotiations with the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique were still proceeding. (July 9:)

A letter thanking the Committee for their action with regard to the arrangements for shipping cacao from Trinidad to Havre, from the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce was also read.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Ministry of Shipping with regard to the arrangements for the Calcutta - West Indies steamer service after the sailing of the Director.

Mr. Cameron reported the result of negotiations at two meetings of the Executive of the Sulphate of Ammonia Traders, and the following resolutions agreed to on that morning (July 26) by the Executive of the Traders in consultation with the representatives of the West India Committee was approved:—

"That the resolution agreed on the 13th July 1917 be hereby cancelled, and in substitution thereof, that all old (but "live") contracts existing before June 1st, 1917, for which licences have been or may be granted, be invoiced at £20.16.3 per ton in double bags nett cash F.o.b. shipping port, and that a sum of 5/- per £1.0.0. on the difference between the original contract price and £20.16.3 shall be allowed."

The Chairman reported that the Secretary had been invited to serve and had been sitting on a sub-Committee of the Committee on Colonial



Membership statistics:

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Members:         | 1600      |
| Clituary 6       | <u>6</u>  |
|                  | 1594      |
| Restored to list | 1         |
| Elected 6/7/19   | <u>12</u> |
|                  | 1607      |

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Sep: 6/17

Present Mr. R. Rutherford  
 " H. A. Trotter

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mr. Cyril Gurney | Mr. A. McConnell               |
| " C. A. Campbell | " C. Sandbach Parker C.B.E.    |
| " E. R. Davson   | " H. A. Trotter                |
| " G. Fawcett     | " G. M. Fane                   |
| " G. A. Griffin  | " G. Moody Stuart              |
| " E. L. Marshall | " Algernon L. Aspinall<br>Sec: |

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Membership statistics:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1600 \text{ members} \\ 71 \text{ subscribers} \end{array} \right.$

Obituary

- G. B. Allen
- T. B. Evelyn
- Miss W. R. Berkeley
- A. C. Grant
- J. T. Haynes
- Edgar Agostini K.C.

Restored to the list of Members C. Jangué

The following 12 candidates were elected to  
membership of the West India Committee as from  
October 1<sup>st</sup>:

| Candidate.                                       | Proposer and Seconder.                         |
|--|--|
| Brig.-Gen. Lionel E. O. Charlton, C.M.G., D.S.O. | { Hon. Donald McDonald.<br>Major T. B. Davson. |
| Messrs. Cox, McEuen & Co.                        | { Mr. Harold Carey.<br>Mr. Stephen Ewen.       |
| Mr. J. A. Hernandez (Trinidad).                  | { Mr. E. Hernandez.<br>Mr. M. Hamel Smith.     |
| Mr. J. A. J. Taitt (Trinidad).                   | { Mr. M. Hamel Smith.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.      |
| Mr. H. E. Howe.                                  | { Rev. A. L. Bodfish.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.    |
| Mr. E. J. Scott (Trinidad).                      | { Mr. G. M. Frame.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.       |
| Dr. J. Foreman, M.D. (St. Kitts).                | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. C. Gurney.         |
| Mr. O. E. Whitehead (West Africa).               | { Mr. F. Evans.<br>Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.       |
| Mr. John H. Rapsey (Trinidad).                   | { Mr. F. Evans.<br>Mr. E. R. Davson.           |
| Mr. D. A. Richards (St. Vincent).                | { Mr. Rupert C. Otway, J.P.<br>Mr. C. Gurney.  |
| The St. Madeleine Sugar Co., Ltd.                | { Mr. G. Moody Stuart.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.    |
| The Antigua Sugar Factory, Ltd.                  | { Mr. G. Moody Stuart.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.    |

The following resolution adopted at a  
meeting of Members interested in the cacao  
industry was confirmed:

That the members of the West India Committee interested in the West Indian cacao industry, either as planters, merchants, manufacturers, brokers or otherwise, be constituted a standing Sub-Committee to watch over and protect the interests of that industry, and to co-operate with the British Empire Producers' Organisation or kindred bodies where the interests of the cacao industry of the British Empire as a whole are concerned.

Read letter from the Foreign Office (Aug: 9)  
stating that no relaxation of the Prohibition  
Order in favour of Portuguese Cacao was contemplated.

Correspondence with the Colonial Office regarding the preferential treatment of British Colonial rum was laid on the table. (See Circular 493 p. 324.)

Read letter from the Ministry of Shipping (Aug. 21) stating that Messrs. J. & Co. had been asked to allot space to the British West Indies in preference to Cuba on the S.S. *Yoga* (Calcutta - West Indies Service). It was reported that this was now being done.

Correspondence with the Food Production Dept. regarding supplies of Sulphate of Ammonia for British Guiana was laid on the table. The Secretary was instructed to remind the Department that the balance required by British Guiana must be shipped by Dec. 31.

(it being understood that from that date to the end of the English demand season no licences would be granted), otherwise British Guiana would be seriously prejudiced by receiving about 50 per cent only of her requirements.

The receipt of a letter from the Colonial Office (Aug: 31) enclosing a cablegram to the G. I. Governors summarising the scheme for assisted Indian immigration into British Guiana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Fiji drawn up by an Inter-Departmental Committee, was reported & ordered to be published in the Circular. The Chairman, Mr. Dawson & Mr. Parker expressed approval with the arrangements freshened as far as they were entitled.

The Secretary was instructed to ascertain the reasons for the further increase in Port rates on Sugar & to inform the Port of London



Authenticity that exception was taken to the revised schedule. The Secretary was also asked to find out who controlled the rates.

The Secretary was instructed to report upon the incidence of the income tax on ~~shareholders~~ dividends on shares in English Companies held by residents in British Colonies.

A report by Mr. Dawson regarding Hon. Correspondents in the West Indies was discussed and approved.

R. Rutherford.

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## Membership Statistics

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| Members | 1607      |
| Elected | <u>17</u> |
| Total   | 1624      |

Meeting of the Executive Committee held  
Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> 1917

Present Mr. R. Rutherford in the Chair

" H. C. Trotter

Mr. E. R. Davson

Mr. H. V. Spooner

" G. Fawcett B.Sc.

" C. Gurney

" G. Gillespie

" G. R. Alston

" E. A. de Pass

" Algernon R. Aspinall

Sec:

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

Membership 1607 ; Subscribers 71.

The following new Members were elected:

| Candidate.                             | Proposer and Seconder.      |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Mr. Reginald Muir (Cuba)               | { Mr. W. A. Wolseley        |
| Mr. A. Hayward (Grenada)               | { Mr. Geo. R. Alston.       |
| Sgt. Ernest R. Rouse (Jamaica)         | { Jonas Browne & Sons.      |
| Lieut. R. C. Ripley (Jamaica)          | { Mr. D. S. De Freitas.     |
| Messrs. Dominion Cannery Ltd. (Canada) | { D. Q. Henriques & Co.     |
| Major J. V. Kirkland (Jamaica)         | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.        |
| Capt. A. Smith (Jamaica)               | { Major A. M. McCulloch     |
| Capt. H. F. Donald (Jamaica)           | { Lieut. A. H. Shepherd.    |
| Capt. N. Wood, B.A. (Jamaica)          | { Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
| Capt. F. D. MacPhail (Jamaica)         | { Mr. E. R. Davson.         |
| Lieut. Aubrey H. Spyer (Jamaica)       | { Capt. W. Steele Mitchell. |
| Lieut. Andrew J. Bernard (Trinidad)    | { Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
| Mr. G. Harris Harragin (Country)       | { Capt. W. Steele Mitchell. |
| Mr. James B. Millikin (Country)        | { Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
| Capt. David Horn (Jamaica)             | { Capt. W. Steele Mitchell. |
| Mr. C. O. Hazell (St. Vincent)         | { Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
| Mr. L. Denis Peterkin (Barbados)       | { Capt. W. Steele Mitchell. |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
|  | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.        |
|  | { Miss Mary Moseley.        |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
|  | { Mrs. Frances I. Hayes.    |
|  | { Mr. Geo. R. Alston.       |
|  | { Mr. Cunningham Craig.     |
|  | { Mr. Geo. R. Alston.       |
|  | { Sir W. Manning, K.C.M.G.  |
|  | { Miss Mary Moseley.        |
|  | { Mr. D. A. Richards.       |
|  | { Mr. Ernest Brown.         |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
|  | { Mr. W. Gillespie.         |

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cacao Committee held on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> were read and Mr. Trotter and Mr. Gillespie were appointed to confer with representatives of the Association of West African Merchants as to the question of cooperation through the British Empire Producers' Organisation. The Chairman reported the position with regard to supplies of sulphate of ammonia & stated that he and the Secretary had been invited to attend a meeting at the Food Production Department of the Board of Agriculture on the following day.

He further reported the position in respect of the supply of alcohol for munitions purposes.

Read letter from the Port of London Authority dated Sep: 14 giving reasons for the increase in Port dues on Sugar. R. Rutherford.

Membership:

1624

Elected 25.10.17      3

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1627

Meeting of the Executive of the Best India  
Committee Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1917.

Present: Mr. R. Gutteridge

.. H. C. Trotter

W. E. G. Dawson

W. E. L. Marshall

.. E. A. de Pass

.. G. M. Frame \*

.. G. Fawcett

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.. Mr. Garnett

.. Algernon L. Aspinall

Secretary.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were taken  
as read and confirmed.

Members 1624. Subscribers 71.

Resignation Major H. C. Porter (3 1918)

Elected: Lady Lubbock

Mr. R. M. Partridge

W. C. S. V. Branch.

The Chairman reported that took place at  
a meeting at the Food Production Department  
of the Board of Agriculture which he and the  
Secretary attended on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. He stated that

the Chairman at that meeting had said that there would be no available surplus of Sulphate of Ammonia for export to British Colonies in the immediate future. It was decided to write a further letter to the Department calling attention to the urgent needs of the British West Indies in respect of Sulphate of Ammonia.

Head letter from the Director of Propellant Supplies (Oct. 12) to the Jamaica Standing Committee increasing the offer for alcohol to 1/9 per proof gallon on the same terms and conditions as before. On the recommendation of the Jamaica Committee it was decided to inform the Director that in the opinion of the Executive this offer would not attract alcohol from the British West Indies and writing him to convene a Conference to

discuss the matter.

A further discussion took place regarding the recent increase in Pat dues in Sugar, and, on the motion of Mr. Frame, it was decided to write to the Pat of London Authority stating that the Committee did not agree as to the necessity of raising the rates & requesting the Authority to consult them in the event of any further change being contemplated.

Correspondence, as published in the Circular, regarding excess was laid on the table.

The Chairman, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Dawson & Mr. Moody Stuart were appointed a sub-Committee to consider the question of the settlement or employment of ex Soldiers in the East Indies after the war.

It was decided to write to the Government and to ascertain their attitude in respect of the Brussels Convention. R. Rutherford.



## Membership Statistics

Members: 1627 1627

Elected 18 16  

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1643

Total 1643

Less deaths 2 2  

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Total 1645 1641

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Meeting of the Executive held Nov: 22<sup>nd</sup> 1917.

Present: Mr. R. Rutherford  
 Mr. H. G. Trotter  
 " C. Gurney  
 " C. A. Campbell  
 " B. Fawcett D. Sc  
 " G. Gillespie  
 " T. Greenwood  
 " E. L. Marshall  
 " H. V. Spooner  
 " H. F. Bente  
 " G. Moody Stuart  
 " C. A. Golsbey  
 " Algernon C. Aspinall Hon: Sec

The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Membership 1627. Subscribers 71.

Resignation Mr. Clifton Hanagan (4 1918)

Obituary " C. F. Lazarus

" J. J. Pastick

The following were elected Members of the West India Committee:

| Candidate.                                       | Proposer and Seconder.                       |
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| Dr. Chas M. Austin,<br>M.B., Ch.B. (St. Vincent) | { Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.<br>Mr. Wm. Gillespie. |
| Mr. Ed. P. Haynes<br>(St. Vincent)               | { Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.<br>Mr. Wm. Gillespie. |
| Mr. Lewis Punnett<br>(St. Vincent)               | { Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.<br>Mr. Wm. Gillespie. |
| Mr. G. Hill<br>(Trinidad)                        | { Mr. G. Moody Stuart.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.  |
| Mr. E. E. Fabien<br>(Trinidad)                   | { Mr. G. Moody Stuart.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.  |
| Mr. J. J. Halliday<br>(Trinidad)                 | { Mr. G. Moody Stuart.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.  |

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|---|---|------------------------|
| Mr. A. Robertson<br>(Trinidad)                    | { | Mr. G. Moody Stuart.   |
| Mr. G. B. Mitchell<br>(H.M. Consul, Brazil)       | { | Mr. Cyril Gurney.      |
| Mr. E. R. C. Hobson<br>(Country)                  | { | Mr. C. M. Rolston.     |
| Mr. F. J. L. Mure<br>(Peru)                       | { | Mr. Cyril Gurney.      |
| Rev. A. M. B. Jemmott<br>(British Guiana)         | { | Miss Mary Moseley.     |
| Mr. Richard G. Vincent<br>(Trinidad)              | { | Mr. H. F. Previte.     |
| Mr. Joaquim Ribeiro<br>(Trinidad)                 | { | Mr. W. A. Wolseley.    |
| Mr. Parbhu Sawh<br>(British Guiana)               | { | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| Mr. J. P. de Verteuil<br>(London)                 | { | Mr. N. J. A. Bascomb.  |
| The Credit Foncier of<br>Mauritius, Ltd. (London) | { | Mr. A. P. Sherlock.    |
|   | { | Mr. Edgar Tripp.       |
|   | { | Mr. Wm. Gordon Gordon. |
|   | { | Mr. Edgar Tripp.       |
|   | { | Mr. Wm. Gordon Gordon. |
|   | { | Mr. A. P. G. Austin.   |
|   | { | Mr. J. G. Porter.      |
|   | { | Miss Mary Moseley.     |
|   | { | Mr. H. A. Trotter.     |
|   | { | Mr. G. Moody Stuart.   |
|   | { | Mr. Cyril Gurney.      |

The Chairman reported proceedings at a meeting at the Food Production Department of the Board of Agriculture on November 16<sup>th</sup> regarding supplies of Sulphate of Ammonia, and stated that the Director had held out no hope of any being available before May - if then. A Cablegram from the British Guiana Planters Association dated November 14<sup>th</sup> was read stating that their earlier estimate as to requirements was for eight months only & that the annual supplies required were 7500 tons.

The proceedings at a meeting at the Ministry of Munitions regarding the purchase

of best Indian alcohol for medicinal purposes were also reported.

Correspondence was laid on the table regarding the Calcutta - West Indies Steamer Service.

A letter was read from the British Sugar Research Association (Nov 15) and Mr. Rutherford and Mr. G. Fawcett B.Sc. were appointed to represent the Committee on that body.

Cablegrams between Messrs G. P. Mitchell & Sons of Halifax N.S. & the Committee regarding the arrangements for the purchase of British West Indian Sugar were read & the Secretary stated that he had received an assurance from Sir Henry Osborne that the interests of the Merchants and Brokers would be protected as far as practicable.

The Secretary was instructed to transmit to the Colonial Office a telegram from Trinidad dated November 20<sup>th</sup> further urging that permission might be granted for the shipment of the remainder of the cacao crop, an earlier message dated October 29<sup>th</sup> having been similarly dealt with.

It was mentioned that the Committee's appeal for shipments to be sanctioned as from January 1<sup>st</sup> in lieu of July 23<sup>rd</sup> was still under consideration. (See Circular No 497 p 399)

R. Rutherford

# Membership Statistics

|                            |                   |          |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| From last:                 | 1645 <sup>1</sup> | 1641     |
| <del>Less Obituary 2</del> | <del>2</del>      |          |
|                            | <del>1643</del>   |          |
| Electal                    | <u>7</u>          | <u>7</u> |
|                            | 1650              | 1648     |
|                            | 48                |          |

Meeting of the Executive of the West India Committee  
December 6<sup>th</sup> 1917.

Mr. R. Rutherford, Chairman

" H. A. Trotter

Mr. E. R. Dawson

Sir William Trollope

" G. Gillespie

Mr. C. Sandbach Berkes C.B.E.

" E. A. de Bass

" G. A. Goleley

" Mr. Algernon Caspary Secretary.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

After further consideration of the position arising out of the arrangements for the purchase of sugar by the International Sugar Committee, a letter was read from Sir Robert Lyle stating that that Committee would not make purchases in the British West Indies Market leaving it entirely to the Sugar Commission, & that the latter had decided that Canada should be left free to make her own purchases in the B. I. market.

It was decided to send the following cablegram to Sir George Foster: "If maximum price is to be fixed for British West Indian Sugar for Canada, urge you protect West Indian Colonies' rights under reciprocal trade agreement 1912."

The following letter from the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding the importation of cacao was read: (Circular 501 p 475)

Downing Street,

December 4th, 1917.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 5th of October, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Long to inform you that the Board of Trade have agreed that importation into the United Kingdom of that quantity of British Colonial cacao which will be admissible in respect of the 12 months beginning on 23rd February, 1918, may commence on the 1st of January, 1918, instead of on 23rd February, 1918.

The Governments of the Gold Coast, Nigeria, Trinidad, Jamaica, Ceylon, the Leeward Islands, and the Windward Islands, have accordingly been informed by telegraph that they may issue licences for the exportation of cacao to the United Kingdom (up to the maximum allowed for the 12 months beginning on February 23rd, 1918) for shipment at any time, so long as the vessel will not reach the United Kingdom before the 1st of January, 1918.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

The Secretary,

G. GRINDLE.

West India Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to thank Mr. Long for securing this concession.



Correspondence regarding the provision of another steamer sailing on the Calcutta - West Indies route was reported.

(See previous minutes)

The death of Mr. C. F. Lazarus & Mr. J. J. Pastick was recorded.

The following new Members were elected:

| Candidate.            | Proposer and Seconder. |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Major W. G. H. Thorne | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
|                       | Mr. W. Gillespie.      |
| Mr. D. D. Dickson     | Capt. John Hutson.     |
|                       | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| 2nd Lieut. L. Cornish | Miss Moseley.          |
| Trestrail (Trinidad)  | Mr. W. Gillespie.      |
| Mr. R. L. Clarke      | Mr. J. H. Mahon.       |
| (Barbados)            | Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.   |
| Mr. F. G. Inmiss      | Mr. J. H. Mahon.       |
| (Barbados)            | Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.   |
| Mr. G. W. Almond      | Mr. W. Gillespie.      |
|                       | Mr. E. A. de Pass.     |
| Mr. Philip Ribeiro    | Mr. E. A. de Pass.     |
|                       | Mr. E. R. Davson.      |

R. Rutherford.

# Membership Statistics

From last 1650  
~~less Chitany~~ 2  
~~1648~~  
~~Elected~~ 6  
~~1654~~  
 Resignations  
 as recorded  
 to 1910 6  
 1644  
 Child Elected 7  
 1651

From Last <sup>48</sup> ~~1650~~ 1648  
 less Chitany 2 <sup>gain</sup> 2  
 1648  
 Resignations  
 as recorded  
 to 1910 6 + 6  
 Elected 6  
 1654  
 40  
 1652

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive. Dec. 20 1917

Present: Mr. R. Rutherford  
 .. H. A. Trotter

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Mr. E. R. Davson | Mr. H. A. Trotter        |
| .. G. Gillespie  | Mr. G. A. Golsbey        |
| .. T. Greenwood  | Mr. Algernon E. Caspiell |
| .. H. F. Brite   |                          |

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting were confirmed.

Membership 1650. Subscribers 71.

The following were elected to Membership of the West India Committee:

| Candidate.                           | Proposer and Seconder.                              |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Mr. Charles Singuineau<br>(Trinidad) | { Mr. G. T. Macdougall.<br>{ Mr. Edgar Tripp.       |
| Mr. H. P. Marryat<br>(Trinidad)      | { Miss. Mary Moseley.<br>{ Capt. A. H. Hamel Smith. |
| Mrs. J. W. Russell                   | { Mr. H. Crum Ewing.<br>{ Mr. H. A. Trotter.        |
| Dr. A. F. M. Berkeley                | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>{ Mr. C. Gurney.            |
| Mr. Gaston Johnston<br>(Trinidad)    | { Mr. G. T. Macdougall.<br>{ Mr. Edgar Tripp.       |
| Mr. Edgar Hicken<br>(British Guiana) | { Mr. E. R. Davson.<br>{ Mr. W. H. Parratt.         |

Obituary 2 C. T. Isaacs & G. A. Pitt

Resolutions (2 1918) J. C. Augustus (5 1918) & Golpina Tobacco Co (6. 1918)

The Deputy Chairman reported that a copy of an Ordinance (no 19 of 1917) adopted by the Legislature of Grenada for imposing an Income Tax had been

received, and that, it appearing that the Ordinance presented several objectionable features including a surtax on the incomes of absentees the Grenada proprietors wished to lodge a protest to the Secretary of State & to take Counsel's Opinion. This was approved & the Secretary was instructed to arrange a Conference with Counsel.

Correspondence with the Colonial Secretary of Jamaica regarding the Manufacture of Alcohol for Munitions was laid on the table.

Read letter from the Colonial Office regarding Cacao Shipments. (Dec 15 See Circular no 502 p. 495)

The Secretary reported that as the outcome of the representations of the Committee to Ministers of Shipping had sanctioned a further sailing on the Calcutta - West Indies route.

R. Rutherford

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# Membership

1654  
less resignations  
Dec. 4 1917 6

~~Chitany 2~~ 6

Elected

Total to next

1648

7

1655

1652

Resign. 6  
1646

Elected 7  
1653

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive, Jan: 10 1918

Present Mr. R. Rutherford

" H. A. Trotter

Mr. G. R. Alston

Mr. E. A. de Pass

" G. Gillespie

" E. Luxmoore Marshall

Mr. Algernon E. Cospinall Secretary  
C.M.G.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Membership 1654. Subscribers 71.

Obituary: ~~Mr C. T. Braas~~ ~~Mr G. C. Pitt~~ ~~esq~~

Resignations: Mr. J. C. Augustus (5)<sub>1918</sub> & Golofina Tobacco Company (6)<sub>1918</sub>

The following new members were elected:

| Candidate.               | Proposer and Seconder.    |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2nd Lieut. R. M. Murray  | { Captain W. S. Mitchell. |
| Lieut. R. J. Graham      | { E. A. de Pass, Esq.     |
| (Jamaica)                | { Captain W. S. Mitchell. |
| 2nd Lieut. K. D. Andrews | { E. A. de Pass, Esq.     |
| Charles K. O'Hara, Esq.  | { Captain W. S. Mitchell. |
| (Antigua)                | { E. A. de Pass, Esq.     |
| T. H. Scott, Esq.        | { José Anjo, Esq.         |
| (Trinidad)               | { F. A. Joaquim, Esq.     |
| John C. King, Esq.       | { Wm. Gordon Gordon, Esq. |
| Captain G. N. Hobbs      | { Hon. Adam Smith, C.M.G. |
|                          | { W. Gillespie, Esq.      |
|                          | { H. A. Trotter, Esq.     |
|                          | { R. Rutherford, Esq.     |
|                          | { G. R. Alston, Esq.      |

Correspondence with the Food Controller's department

regarding the appointment of a cacao Advisory Committee was read.

The nomination of Mr. H. C. Trotter to serve on the Advisory Committee, by the Cacao Committee at a meeting held on January 8<sup>th</sup> was approved.

Mr. de Pass & Mr. Gillespie were requested to see the Chief Clerk of the West Indian Department at the Colonial Office regarding the issue of licenses for shipment of cacao from Jamaica, and the shipment of coffee in lieu of porriento.

A discussion took place regarding the allotment of space in the Calcutta - West Indies steamers which were regarded as most unsatisfactory.

The Chairman mentioned that a danger of several more steamers of the Direct Line being commandeered had been averted.

R. Rutherford

|                   |      |           |
|-------------------|------|-----------|
| Membership        | 1655 |           |
| Less Resignations | 9    |           |
| " Obituary        | 3    |           |
| " Taken off list  | 7    | <u>19</u> |
|                   |      | 1636      |
| Restored to list  | 1    |           |
| Elected           | 19   | <u>20</u> |
|                   |      | 1656      |

|           |
|-----------|
| 1653      |
| <u>19</u> |
| 1634      |
| <u>20</u> |
| 1654      |



## Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Feb: 7 1918

Present: Mr. R. Rutherford

" H. A. Trotter

Mr. Cyril Gurney

Mr. H. F. Brearley

" G. R. Colston

" J. Herbert Scuttan

" E. A. de Pass

" H. D. Spooner

" E. R. Dawson

Sir William Trollope

" L. Gillespie

W. G. A. Golsley

2 Mr. Algernon A. Caspiell  
Secretary

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Membership 1655. Subscribers 71.

Resignations Mr. R. Gibson

Mr. A. A. Siegert

" J. Geman

" H. C. J. Barton

" F. Feeny

" L. E. Feeny

Captain <sup>The Hon</sup> G. C. Crickton

Major G. A. Porter

(9) Messrs J. Buchanan & Son

(1 1919) < Mr. A. G. Knapp

Obituary: Mr. S. Lebb  
 " L. C. Douglas  
 (3) X: G. L. Latour

Removed from list:

W. J. Evans }  
 " G. Malins Smith } in arrears 1916-17  
 " J. C. McQueen }

Messrs. Urquhart Bros }  
 " " Maculman & Co } partners taking up  
 life memberships

Mr. A. Robertson }  
 " J. J. Halliday } elected in error  
 see p.p 48-49

The Golopina Tobacco Co was restored to the list.

The following were elected members of the West India Committee:

| Candidate.                              | Proposer and Seconder.       |
|---|------------------------------|
| Lt. William F. Wood (London)            | { Capt. Norman Wood.         |
| Capt. A. J. Swinton (London)            | { Capt. W. Steele Mitchell.  |
| Mr. Harold M. Ellis (London)            | { Mr. R. Rutherford.         |
| Lt. Eric H. Clarke (Jamaica)            | { Mr. H. A. Trotter.         |
| Mr. Lewis A. Lewis (London)             | { Mr. Harold Carey.          |
| Mr. E. N. Wooler (Jamaica)              | { Mr. William Gillespie.     |
| Trinidad Leaseholds, Ltd. (London)      | { Mr. William Gillespie.     |
| Miss F. L. Carrington (Barbados)        | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.         |
| Mr. Herbert R. McClean (Trinidad)       | { Mr. D. Delbanco.           |
| Lt. Arthur P. Huggins (Trinidad)        | { Messrs. Paines & Reid.     |
| Mr. George Mac Calman (Country)         | { Mr. T. Du Buisson.         |
| Mr. H. K. D. Urquhart (Country)         | { Mr. G. Moody Stuart.       |
| Capt. Richard A. Hoban (British Guiana) | { Mr. H. F. Previt .         |
| Mr. Maurice A. Ockenden (London)        | { Mr. G. R. Alston.          |
| Capt. David L. Tate (Jamaica)           | { Mr. J. J. Law.             |
| Commander H. G. Briggs, R.N. (London)   | { Mr. R. Rutherford.         |
| Mr. John Sydney Dash (Barbados)         | { Mr. Charles Paul Rojas.    |
| Mr. Arthur John Webb (Jamaica)          | { Mr. Edgar Tripp.           |
| Archdeacon Josa (Country)               | { Mr. H. F. Previt .         |
|   | { Mr. William Gillespie.     |
|   | { Mr. William Gillespie.     |
|   | { Mr. R. Rutherford.         |
|   | { Mr. William Gillespie.     |
|   | { Mr. R. Rutherford.         |
|   | { Miss Mary Moseley.         |
|   | { Mr. H. F. Previt .         |
|   | { Mr. A. Duckham.            |
|   | { Mr. Campbell M. Hunter.    |
|   | { Sgt. E. R. Rouse.          |
|   | { Messrs. D. Henriques & Co. |
|   | { Mr. R. Rutherford.         |
|   | { Mr. William Gillespie.     |
|   | { Mr. Clarence S. Pitcher.   |
|   | { Mr. R. Rutherford.         |
|   | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.         |
|   | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.          |
|   | { Mr. Luke M. Hill, M.I.C.E. |
|   | { Mr. C. Guy A. Wyatt.       |

It was decided to write to the Board of Trade to protest against the further increase of rates, dues &

Read letter from the Colonial Office to the effect that no shipment of Nitrate of Soda to British Guiana could be sanctioned, owing to the shortage of tonnage. (Feb: 1. 1918). Letter regard to an application

from Messrs. A. Douglas Roberts & Co for support towards getting licenses

for the export of Acid Phosphate of Lime to the West Indies was instructed to reply that no representations had been received from proprietors in the subject.

A cablegram was read from the Jamaica Imperial

Association asking the Committee to obtain per-

mission for the shipment of coffee, coco-nuts & cacao

in any available space in steamers leaving the

island. Correspondence on the subject with the Royal

Colonial Institute & British Empire Producers' Organisation

were laid on the table & letters sent to the Colonial

Office on January 25<sup>th</sup> & February 1<sup>st</sup> were approved.

A letter from the Sugar Commission asking for

particulars regarding quantities of grocery sugar

coming forward was read & the Secretary was instructed to see Mr. Scutten on the subject.

Telegrams from the Hon. Correspondents in Barbados & Trinidad regarding the withdrawal of two steamers from the Canada - West Indies route were read & it was decided that no immediate protest against the commandeering of these two vessels would be desirable in view of the exigencies of the shipping situation.

Read letter from the Secretary of State to the effect that the obligations of the Government in connection with the Brussels Convention were under consideration by a Committee, that it could not be assumed that the Convention was at an end & that France had given notice of her withdrawal.  
(Feb 5 1918. See Circular 505 p. 55)

A letter from Mr. Sandbach Parker C.B.E. regarding  
 the British Guiana Business Profits Tax (Feb 6 1916)  
 (Circular No 5 1917)  
 was referred to the British Guiana Sub-Committee.

The Chairman, the Deputy-Chairman, Mr. Dawson,  
 Mr. Fawcett & Mr. Moody Stuart were appointed a  
 Sub-Committee to consider what steps it might be  
 desirable to take in the direction of endeavouring to  
 secure an extension of the scope of the  
 operations of the Imperial Department of  
 Agriculture & the placing of that body on a  
 more permanent basis. R. Rutherford.

Membership from last:

1656

1654

Elected

9

~~14~~

1668

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1665

To next:

# Meeting of the Executive February 21<sup>st</sup> 1918

Present: Mr. R. Rutherford in the Chair.

Mr. G. R. Alston

Mr. E. L. Marshall

.. C. A. Campbell

.. C. Sandbach Parker *L.S.O.*

.. E. R. Dawson

.. H. F. Previté

.. E. A. de Pass

.. G. Moody Stuart

.. G. Fawcett *B.Sc.*

Sir William Trollope *Bart.*

.. Mr. Garnett

Mr. G. M. Frame

.. G. Gillespie

.. Mr. Algernon E. Aspinall  
Secretary

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Membership 1656. Subscribers 72.

The following were elected members of the West India Committee:

| Candidate.                                  | Proposer and Seconder.    |
|---|---------------------------|
| Charles Herman de Lemos,<br>I.S.O. (London) | Mr. H. F. Previté.        |
| Lt. Leonard H. MacKay<br>(Jamaica)          | Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
| Lt. R. P. Gallway<br>(Jamaica)              | Capt. W. S. Mitchell.     |
| Lt. Saml. McF. F. Binns<br>(Jamaica)        | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall. |
| Mrs. George Bagot<br>(Barbados)             | Capt. W. S. Mitchell.     |
| Mr. Otto Ulrich<br>(Trinidad)               | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall. |
| Mr. Dickson Fraser<br>(Trinidad)            | Capt. W. S. Mitchell.     |
| Mr. Clifford B. Savles<br>(British Guiana)  | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall. |
| Lt. Leonard R. Andrews<br>(Jamaica)         | Mr. C. Guy A. Wyatt.      |
|   | Mr. L. M. Hill, M.I.C.E.  |
|   | Mr. George R. Alston.     |
|   | Mr. P. S. M. Arbuthnot.   |
|   | Mr. James Miller.         |
|   | Mr. James Fraser.         |
|   | Mr. A. C. Boughton.       |
|   | Mr. W. H. Parratt.        |
|   | Mr. E. A. de Pass.        |
|   | Mr. W. Gillespie.         |

|                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mr. Brian L. Brandon<br>(Jamaica)  | Mr. E. A. de Pass.      |
| Lt. Charles R. Massy<br>(Trinidad) | Mr. M. Garnett.         |
| Mrs. G. V. Hart<br>(Ireland)       | Miss Moseley.           |
| Mr. Stainton Clarke<br>(Jamaica)   | Capt. R. A. Hoban.      |
| Mr. C. A. F. Stewart<br>(Jamaica)  | Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
|                                    | Mr. M. Garnett.         |
|                                    | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.  |
|                                    | Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett. |
|                                    | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.  |
|                                    | Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett. |

Mr. Alston reported that had transpired at a Deputation to the Colonial Office on Feb: 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the importation of Trinidad cacao.

Read letter from the Board of Trade (20.2.18) stating that the recent increase in dock rates & charged by the Port of London Authority had been made with the sanction of the Board to cover the cost of the additional war bonus paid to the Authority's employees.

A letter from the Port of London Authority to the same effect (15.2.18) was also read. The Authority promised to notify the Committee should it be necessary at any time to alter the actual tariff rates on sugar.



The minutes of a meeting of British Guiana proprietors held Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> were read.

Letters from Messrs Sandbach Turine & Co & the Demerara Co 15.2.18 regarding Intimate of Soda were read & it was decided to make a further effort to induce the Government to sanction supplies of that fertiliser being sent to the best Indies by steamer or schooners from Chili.

Letters from the same firms regarding the allotment of space in Calcutta - best Indies steamers were also read & it was decided to suggest that this should be made on the free war basis.

A letter from the Bahamas' Chamber of Commerce regarding Shipping facilities for sponges was read (25.1.18) and it was decided to forward the

representations made to the Colonial Office.

Further correspondence regarding the Brussels  
Sugar Convention was laid on the table.

H.A. Latta

21. 3. 18.

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive March 21<sup>st</sup>  
1918.

Mr. H. A. Trotter in the Chair

|                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. Cyril Gurney   | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall    |
| " E. R. Dawson     | " C. Sandbach Parker C.B.E. |
| " de Pass          | " H. F. Perité              |
| " G. Fawcett B.Sc. | " G. Moody Stuart           |
| " G. Gillespie     | " G. A. Golsbey             |
| " T. Greenwood     | " G. Mc G. Frame            |
| " W. Malcolmson    | " Algernon E. Cispwell      |
|                    | Hon. Sec.                   |

Mr. Trotter moved a vote of sympathy with Mr. Guthrie for the loss of the right of his ~~right~~ <sup>left</sup> eye as the result of an accident & this was agreed to unanimously.

The minutes of the preceding meeting which had been circulated were confirmed.

|              |       |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| Membership:  | 1665  | 1668  |
|              |       | 17    |
|              |       | <hr/> |
| Resignations | 7     | 1657  |
| Ordinary     | 4     | 30    |
|              | 11    | <hr/> |
|              | <hr/> | 1687  |
| Elected      | 30    |       |
|              | <hr/> |       |
|              | 1684  |       |

Memberships 1665. Subscribers 72.

Resignations: Miss G. C. Hay.

G. C. Benson.

Vice-Admiral Browning.

J. A. Robertson

D. H. Delamere

C. G. Daniels

(7) + J. A. Hope.

Obituary: L. G. Hewitt

Dr. T. S. Browne

Sir Henry Blake G.C.M.G.

(4) + G. P. Pearsley

The following were elected Members of the  
West India Committee:

| Candidate.                                    | Proposer and Seconder.  |
|---|-------------------------|
| Mr. Alfred R. Bell<br>(West Africa)           | Mr. F. Evans.           |
| Wilson, Holgate & Co., Ltd<br>(London)        | Mr. O. E. Whitehead.    |
| Mr. Horace Deighton<br>(Barbados)             | Mr. H. A. Trotter.      |
| Mr. Edward S. Bailey<br>(Barbados)            | Mr. E. R. Davson.       |
| Mr. Herbert C. Sealy<br>(Barbados)            | Hon. W. L. C. Phillips. |
| Mr. J. F. Matthews<br>(Barbados)              | Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
| Dr. R. M. Johnson<br>(Barbados)               | Hon. W. L. C. Phillips. |
| Mr. E. F. C. Hosack (Life<br>Member, Jamaica) | Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
| Lieut. J. H. Mills<br>(Country)               | Hon. W. L. C. Phillips. |
|   | Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
|   | Mr. William Gillespie.  |
|   | Mr. H. K. F. Smith.     |
|   | Mr. E. R. Davson.       |
|   | Mr. E. A. de Pass.      |

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| Mr. G. C. McF. May<br>(West Africa)          | Mr. Bernard Bonyun.     |
| Mr. John L. Punnett<br>(St. Vincent)         | Mr. E. R. Davson.       |
| Hounsells (Bridport) Ltd.<br>(Country)       | Mr. A. M. Punnett.      |
| Mr. Percy Heywood<br>(Peru)                  | Mr. E. A. de Pass.      |
| Mr. D. T. McEwing<br>(Peru)                  | Mr. E. A. de Pass.      |
| Mr. Augustus F. G. Ellis<br>(Jamaica)        | Mr. E. R. Davson.       |
| Capt. S. C. Thorne<br>(Barbados)             | Mr. F. J. L. Mure.      |
| Mr. Hugh Clarke<br>(Jamaica)                 | Mr. Howard Marsh.       |
| Westmoreland Building<br>Society (Jamaica)   | Mr. F. J. L. Mure.      |
| Mr. J. P. Kirkness<br>(Barbados)             | Mr. J. Pect.            |
| Mr. Edwin Clarke<br>(Barbados)               | Mr. E. A. de Pass.      |
| Mr. Robert Arthur<br>(Barbados)              | Mr. E. L. Marshall.     |
| Mr. C. F. P. Renwick<br>(Grenada)            | Hon. W. L. C. Phillips. |
| Mr. Frank G. Burslem<br>(Trinidad)           | Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
| Lt. Kenneth Reid<br>(Tobago)                 | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.  |
| Mr. A. S. A. Ormsby,<br>M.I.Mech.E. (London) | Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett. |
| Mrs. Edith Maud Pleus<br>(Country)           | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.  |
| Mr. G. S. Evelyn<br>(Barbados)               | Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett. |
| Mr. Oliver P. Bennett<br>(Trinidad)          | Mr. David Morrin.       |
| Mr. Alfred Laurie<br>(Trinidad)              | Mr. Thomas Boyd.        |
| Mr. Albert V. Port<br>(Country)              | Hon. W. L. C. Phillips. |
|  | Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
|  | Hon. W. L. C. Phillips. |
|  | Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
|  | Mr. C. H. G. Short.     |
|  | Mr. C. V. C. Horne.     |
|  | Miss D. H. Austin.      |
|  | Mr. E. R. Davson.       |
|  | Mr. E. L. Marshall.     |
|  | Mr. E. R. Davson.       |
|  | Mr. E. A. de Pass.      |
|  | Mr. E. L. Marshall.     |
|  | Mr. E. A. de Pass.      |
|  | Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
|  | Hon. W. L. C. Phillips. |
|  | Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
|  | Hon. Hugh McLelland.    |
|  | Mr. G. T. Macdougall.   |
|  | Hon. Hugh McLelland.    |
|  | Mr. G. T. Macdougall.   |
|  | Mr. H. A. Trotter.      |
|  | Mr. E. R. Davson.       |

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Head:

~~Letter~~ letter from the Colonial Office stating that the Secretary of State had advised His Majesty to disallow Grenada Ordinance No 19 1917. (Income tax Ordinance)

Letter from the Wine & Spirit Association asking the Committee to support their request for a further concession to rum under the Immature Spirits (Restriction) Act. It was decided to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the subject.

Correspondence regarding Sulphate of Ammonia  
(see Circular March 7 No 507) was laid on the table.

Mr. Parker having requested that Members  
might be kept more closely informed regarding  
action taken concerning matters affecting their  
interests, Mr. Trotter pointed out that in view of  
the large Membership & the many questions engaging  
attention this was not always possible; but that  
every endeavour would be made to keep Members  
informed.

Read letter from the Colonial Office regarding  
the Brussels Sugar Convention, March 14<sup>th</sup> (see  
Circular 508.

R. Rutherford.

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| Members:             | 1684        | 1687         |
| Less Resignations    | 3           | <del>3</del> |
| " Obituary           | -           | 1683         |
| " Taken off          | 1           | 30           |
|                      | <u>4</u>    | <u>1713</u>  |
|                      | 1680        |              |
| Elected: April 11/18 | 30          |              |
|                      | <u>1710</u> |              |



## Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive: April 11. 18.

Present: Mr. R. Gutterford  
 " H. A. Trotter

Mr. E. G. Dawson

Mr. H. F. Overté

" G. Gillespie

" G. M. Frame

" T. Greenwood

Sir William Trollope  
 Bart

" H. Malcolmson

" C. Sandbach Parker  
 C.B.E.

W. Algernon Caspary  
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The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Mr. Gutterford thanked the Committee for their vote of sympathy on the occasion of his recent accident.

Membership 1684. Subscribers 72

Resignations E. Fitzgerald.

G. C. Penrice.

G. G. Richardson. (3)

" C. H. Lynch. (2 1919)

The name of Mr. J. H. Lanier who had ceased to represent the Mercantile Co in Canada was taken off the list of members.

A copy of a Petition from the Agriculturists of Grenada to the Secretary of State regarding the incidence of double taxation through the Income Tax & Export Tax was laid on the table. The King having been advised to disallow the Grenada Income Tax Ordinance it was agreed that no further action was immediately necessary.

Correspondence with the Food Production Department regarding Sulphate of Ammonia as published in Circular 509 p 121 was laid on the table.

Letters from the Ministry of Shipping (March 26) & Messrs Hales Curd & Co (March 25) regarding the Calcutta - West Indies steamer service were read.

Letters from Mr G. E. Hudson & Son (March 24) and Messrs Ross & Hartin (April 8) having been read, it was decided to represent to the proper authorities

the need for the issue of licenses for the manufacture of cocoa bags.

A memorandum explaining the position with respect to the British Guiana Excess Profits Tax was read & referred to a meeting of the British Guiana proprietors.

Mr. Frank Holmes was appointed Hon: Correspondent for the Bahamas.

The following were elected Members of the West India Committee:

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| Dr. James Sholto Douglas,<br>M.B. (Edin.) (B. Guiana) | { Mr. H. T. King. [C.B.E.]                                   |
| Mr. Frank Holmes<br>(Bahamas)                         | { Mr. C. Sandbach Parker,<br>Hon. W. Hart Bennett, C.M.G.    |
| Mr. Jose Juan Franco<br>(British Honduras)            | { Mr. H. E. M. Johnson.                                      |
| Mr. John Adolphus Gahne<br>(British Honduras)         | { Hon. A. R. Usher, M.B.E.<br>Lt.-Col. J. Cran, M.B.E., M.D. |
| Mr. James Forfar Dott<br>(London)                     | { Hon. A. R. Usher, M.B.E.<br>Mr. R. Dragten.                |
| Mr. John Stott<br>(Country)                           | { Mr. N. Malcolmson.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                   |
| Mr. David Betson Evans<br>(British Honduras)          | { Mr. H. Soper Cox.<br>Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.               |
| Mr. Thomas B. Macaulay,<br>F.I.A., etc. (Montreal)    | { Mr. H. S. Schnarr.<br>Hon. A. R. Usher, M.B.E.             |
| Mr. Hilton Chambers<br>Shekell (Jamaica)              | { Mr. J. Brookfield.<br>Mr. A. L. Bennett.                   |
| Mr. Edward Morris<br>(Jamaica)                        | { Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.          |
| Mr. David Mills<br>(Jamaica)                          | { Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.          |
| Mr. Leslie Girvan Harrison<br>(Jamaica)               | { Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.          |
| Mr. I. J. Mordecai<br>(Jamaica)                       | { Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.          |
| Mr. W. H. Landale<br>(Jamaica)                        | { Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.          |
| Mr. E. G. F. Campbell<br>(British Honduras)           | { Hon. A. R. Usher, M.B.E.<br>Mr. H. S. Schnarr.             |
| Mr. R. Ehrenstein<br>(Jamaica)                        | { Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. W. Baggett Gray.                 |
| Messrs. Vere Estates Co.,<br>Ltd. (Jamaica)           | { Mr. W. Baggett Gray.<br>Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.            |
| Mr. A. Hart<br>(Jamaica)                              | { Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. W. Baggett Gray.                 |
| Mr. A. McF. Mills<br>(Jamaica)                        | { Mr. G. W. Thompson.<br>Mr. W. Coke Kerr.                   |

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| Mr. H. G. Hewett<br>(Jamaica)                | { | Mr. L. de Mercado.      |
| Mr. J. G. M. Robertson<br>(Jamaica)          | { | Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett. |
| Mr. A. Hearn<br>(Jamaica)                    | { | Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett. |
| Mr. E. E. Melville<br>(Jamaica)              | { | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.  |
| Lt. W. J. Miller<br>(Trinidad)               | { | Mr. L. de Mercado.      |
| Mr. R. M. Ewen<br>(Jamaica)                  | { | Mr. W. Baggett Gray.    |
|  | { | Mr. L. de Mercado.      |
|  | { | Mr. W. Baggett Gray.    |
|  | { | Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E. |
|  | { | Mr. H. F. Previt .      |
|  | { | Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett. |
|  | { | Mr. W. Baggett Gray.    |
| Mr. V. A. Michelin<br>(Jamaica)              | { | Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett. |
| 2nd Lt. H. A. Lafitte<br>(St. Lucia)         | { | Mr. W. Baggett Gray.    |
| 2nd Lt. Eric V. Solomon,<br>R.A.F. (Bahamas) | { | Mr. William Gillespie.  |
| Mr. Thomas Robb<br>(Montreal)                | { | Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
| Lt. E. Lindsay Armstrong<br>(Barbados)       | { | Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E. |
|  | { | Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
|  | { | Mr. E. R. Davson.       |
|  | { | Mr. H. F. Previt .      |
|  | { | Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E. |
|  | { | Mr. R. Rutherford.      |

*R. Rutherford*

Members 1710

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Less Resignations 3

Chitancy 1

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Meeting of the Executive. May 2<sup>d</sup> 1916.

Present Mr. G. Guthrie  
 .. H. C. Trotter

|                   |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mr. G. G. Alston  | Mr. C. McCunnell               |
| .. E. G. Dawson   | .. C. Sandbach Parker C. B. E. |
| .. E. C. de Bass  | .. H. F. Pringle               |
| .. G. Fawcett     | .. H. D. Spence                |
| .. G. Gillespie   | Sir William Trollope Bart      |
| .. T. Greenwood   | Mr. G. A. Colclough            |
| .. W. Macdonald   | Mr. Algernon C. Aspinall       |
| .. E. L. Marshall | Secretary                      |

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Mr. G. J. Paritt, H. M. Trade Commissioner for the British West Indies attended by invitation & explained the objects of his mission.

The Chairman said that the Hon. Treasurer had had under consideration the desirability of obtaining more commodious premises, and an assistant to the Secretary which would enable the Secretary or his assistant to visit the West Indies periodically. They favoured raising a special fund for these purposes and Mr. H. F. Pringle

and Mr. G. M. Frame were appointed to confer with the Hon. Treasurer as to the best means of giving effect to this suggestion.

Read: a cablegram from the Governor of Barbados to the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding the requirements of that colony in respect of Sulphate of Ammonia. (April 24. 18)

Letter from the Ministry of Shipping stating that the S.S. Megna would be berthed for the Calcutta - West Indies route. (April 30 18)

Letter from the Colonial Office stating that the Committee's letter of April 17<sup>th</sup> on the subject of the British Guiana Excess Duties Tax would be considered & a further reply sent (April 23<sup>rd</sup> 18)

Letter from the Sugar Commission to the effect that licenses to import refined sugar would only be granted where the sugar was manufactured in a British Colony. (April 24. 18)

and Letter from the Ministry of Munitions term-  
inating the arrangement for the purchase of  
best Indian alcohol for munitions purposes.

It was decided to hold the annual general  
meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 3.30. P.M.

Mr. C. Sandbach Parker C.S.E., and Mr. E.  
G. Dawson were requested & consented to continue to  
represent the Committee on the Council of the

British Empire Inducers' Organisation.

— *Chairman*: Hon. G. C. Bensonby, J. D. Tulloch & L. Devaux  
— *Resignations*: Geo. Dunlop & Co.

The following were elected members of the  
best India Committee:

| Candidate.                          | Proposer and Seconder.   |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lieut. A. M. Pawsey<br>(Jamaica)    | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.     |
| Capt. J. W. Wilson<br>(Tobago)      | { Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.  |
| Mr. Manley Lopez<br>(Jamaica)       | { Mr. T. L. M. Orde.     |
| Lieut. L. R. Whitard<br>(Guatemala) | { Mr. H. R. Hamilton.    |
| Mr. Alexander Fraser<br>(Cuba)      | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.     |
| Mr. James Morison<br>(Jamaica)      | { Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.  |
|                                     | { Mr. W. Gillespie.      |
|                                     | { Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
|                                     | { Mr. D. R. Mackenzie.   |
|                                     | { Mr. W. P. Bull, K.C.   |
|                                     | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson. |
|                                     | { Mr. W. Baggett-Gray.   |

Restored to the list: H. A. Neal.

R. Rutherford



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| Members from last | 1713      | 1720      |
| less obituary:    | <u>2</u>  | <u>2</u>  |
|                   | 1711      | 1722      |
| Elected:          | <u>15</u> | <u>15</u> |
|                   | 1726      | 1737      |

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive  
Committee. May 16<sup>th</sup> 1918.

Present W. R. Rutherford  
" H. C. Trotter

|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. C. C. Campbell | Mr. E. Luxmore Marshall   |
| " E. R. Dawson     | " <del>C. McConnell</del> |
| " E. A. de Bass    | " H. F. Previté           |
| " G. Fawcett       | " J. H. Scutten           |
| " T. Greenwood     | " H. S. Spooner           |
| " W. Malcolmson    | " G. M. Frame             |
| " G. Moody Stuart  | " G. A. Lohrey            |

The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Membership: 1713

Obituary: Mr. Robert Henderson, & Mr. R. G. Duncan

The following were admitted to membership of the West India Committee:

| Candidate.                               | Proposer and Seconder.           |
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| Capt. H. Clark, M.C. (Trinidad)          | { Lieut. A. P. Huggins.          |
| Capt. N. Primrose, M.C. (India)          | { Mr. R. Rutherford.             |
| Lieut. Guy E. Ponsonby (Country)         | { Lieut. A. P. Huggins.          |
| Mr. D. A. Majani (France)                | { Mr. R. Rutherford.             |
| Major Douglas J. Fraser, M.C. (Trinidad) | { Mr. R. Rutherford.             |
| Mr. Charles F. Wood (London)             | { Mr. H. F. Previté.             |
| Mr. Horace B. Walcott (Jamaica)          | { Mr. Wm. Gillespie.             |
| Mr. H. A. Dalley (Jamaica)               | { Mr. H. F. Previté.             |
| Mr. Merton V. Townend (Jamaica)          | { Mr. G. F. Huggins.             |
| Mr. A. R. D. Vaz (Jamaica)               | { Mr. W. Robertson.              |
| Mr. Maurice G. Bauer (London)            | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.              |
| Mr. Robert K. Dewar (Jamaica)            | { Mr. R. Rutherford.             |
| Mr. C. G. Muirhead (Jamaica)             | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.         |
| Major Duncan Fraser (British Honduras)   | { Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.        |
| Mr. Maxime Boullé (Mauritius)            | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.         |
|  | { Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.        |
|  | { Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.        |
|  | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.         |
|  | { Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.        |
|  | { Lt.-Col. J. Cran, M.D., O.B.E. |
|  | { Mr. L. R. Grant, M.L.C.        |
|  | { Cox, McEwen & Co.              |
|  | { Mr. Harold Carey.              |

The draft report and accounts (audited by Messrs Price Waterhouse and Co) were considered & advised to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

With regard to Sulphate of Ammonia the Secretary reported that replies to the Committee's letter of March 6 had not yet been received. It was decided to recommend to the Food Production Department when the figures were available that the allotment of available supplies should be made on the basis of acreage under sugar-cane.

Read letter from the Colonial Office (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) stating that the Board of Trade had agreed to the grant of general authority to the Governors of the West Indian Colonies in cases where the colony was the last port of call of a steamer proceeding to the United Kingdom to allow the shipment of cocoa and coffee preferably cocoa in any vacant space available.

The report of the sub-committee on the Imperial  
Department of Agriculture which had been circulated  
was considered & it appearing that two members wished  
to make observations regarding it further con-  
sideration was deferred.

R. Rutherford

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Members from last: 1726  
Elected: 12  

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee held  
June 13 1918.

Present: Mr. R. Rutherford

|                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Mr. H. A. Trotter                   | Mr. J. H. Scuttan      |
| " C. Gurney                         | " H. D. Spooner        |
| " E. R. Dawson                      | " G. Moody Stuart      |
| " G. Gillespie                      | " G. M. Frame          |
| " E. L. Marshall                    | " Algernon L. Aspinall |
| Sir William Trollope<br><i>Bank</i> | <i>Secretary</i>       |

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Pursuant to Article V of the Royal Charter, the following  
Officers were elected for the year:

Chairman: Mr. Rutherford Esq  
Deputy Chairman: H. A. Trotter Esq  
Hon Treasurers: Mr. Rutherford Esq, Cyril Gurney Esq  
& G. Gillespie Esq.

The deputy-Chairman reported the position with  
regard to the provision of freight for West Indian  
cocoa & fresh advised the possibility of a further  
relaxation in the embargo on cocoa.

The following letter from the Colonial Office was laid on the table:

Downing Street,

May 3rd, 1918.

Sir,—I am directed by Mr. Secretary Long to inform you that he has been in communication with the Board of Trade on the subject of your letters of the 25th January, 1st February, 20th March and 18th April, regarding the shipment of coffee from Jamaica, and also in connection with your letter of the 26th February, regarding the shipment of cocoa from Trinidad.

2. The Board of Trade has now agreed to the grant of general authority to the Governors of the West Indian Colonies, in cases where the Colony is the last port of call of a steamer proceeding to the United Kingdom, to allow the shipment of cocoa and coffee, preferably cocoa, in any vacant space, provided that no articles on the priority list are available for shipment and that the departure of the steamer will not be delayed thereby.

3. In the case of competition for available space between shippers of cocoa preference will be given to cocoa forming part of the ration.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. J. READ,

The Secretary,  
West India Committee.

(Circular 512 May 16. p 178)

It was decided to address a further protest to the Ministry of Shipping regarding the allotment of space in the Calcutta - West Indies steamers.

Read letter from the Sugar Machinery Manufacturers' Association asking the Committee to support their representatives in securing better priority for Sugar Machinery.

Mr. Moody Stuart having reported an interview with Mr. Scott Heriot had had with the Department concerned & it appearing that the West Indian proprietors were being favourably treated by the Sugar Commission, it was decided

that no further action was called for at the moment.

Action taken with regard to the distribution of available supplies of Sulphate of Ammonia on an equitable basis was approved.

The following candidates were elected Members of the West India Committee:

| Candidate.                                       | Proposer and Seconder.         |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Mrs. A. N. Clark<br>(Barbados)                   | { Mr. John H. Boyce.           |
| 2nd Lieut. C. F. Cave<br>(Barbados)              | { Mr. R. Rutherford.           |
| William Hale<br>(Trinidad)                       | { Miss Moseley, M.B.E.         |
| Mr. George Sturdy<br>(Jamaica)                   | { Mr. R. Rutherford.           |
| Mr. G. L. N. Walker<br>(Jamaica)                 | { Miss Moseley, M.B.E.         |
| Mr. H. P. Stephenson<br>(Jamaica)                | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.            |
| Mr. A. B. D. Rennie<br>(Jamaica)                 | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.       |
| Mr. H. Leighton Piper                            | { Mr. W. H. Farquharson.       |
| Mr. Ernest A. R. Schofield<br>(British Honduras) | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.       |
| Rev. J. B. Brindley<br>(British Honduras)        | { Mr. W. Baggett-Gray.         |
| Mr. A. W. L. Clerk<br>(Jamaica)                  | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.       |
| Mr. D. A. Knight<br>(Barbados)                   | { Mr. W. Baggett-Gray.         |
|  | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.       |
|  | { Mr. W. Baggett-Gray.         |
|  | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.       |
|  | { Mr. W. Baggett-Gray.         |
|  | { Belize Estates & Prod. Co.   |
|  | { Mr. H. A. Trotter.           |
|  | { Hon. W. Hart-Bennett, C.M.G. |
|  | { Lt.-Col. J. Cran.            |
|  | { Hon. W. Hart-Bennett, C.M.G. |
|  | { Lt.-Col. J. Cran.            |
|  | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.       |
|  | { Mr. W. Baggett-Gray.         |
|  | { Mr. W. Julian Knight.        |
|  | { Mr. R. G. Cave.              |

R. Rutherford



Members from last 1738  
Less Ordinary 5  
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive. July 18<sup>th</sup> 1918

Present: Mr R. Rutherford  
 .. H. C. Trotter

Mr. E. R. Dawson

.. E. A. de Bass

.. L. Fawcett

.. G. Gillespie

.. T. Greenwood

.. N. Malcolmson

.. E. L. Marshall

.. A. McCumell

.. C. Sandbach Parker c.s.e.

Mr. H. F. Brenté

.. J. H. Scutten

.. H. V. Spooner

.. G. Moody Stuart

Sir William Trollope Bart

.. Algernon C. Aspinall  
 C.M.G.

Secretary

Lt Col. C. R. M. O'Brien c.m.g. Governor-elect of Barbados  
 Colonel A. H. Hourse, Mr. J. Rippen, Mr. H. B. G. Austin  
 and Capt. S. C. Thorne attended by invitation.

The Chairman & others present welcomed Colonel O'Brien who then addressed the meeting (see Circular 517 p 233.)

The visitors having then withdrawn, and the minutes of the preceding meeting having been read, the following were elected members of the Vestibule Committee:

| Name.                                   | Proposer and Seconder.        |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Mr. S. D. Benabu *                      | { E. D. & F. Man.             |
| Evelyn Roach & Co.<br>(Barbados)        | { Wilson, Smithett & Co.      |
| 2nd Lieut. L. T. Yearwood<br>(Barbados) | { Mr. R. Rutherford.          |
|   | { Sir William Trollope, Bart. |
|   | { Mr. R. Rutherford.          |
|   | { Sir William Trollope, Bart. |

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| Mr. P. E. Matthews<br>(British Honduras)              | { Hon. W. Hart Bennett, C.M.G.   |
| Mr. L. A. Vilain<br>(Trinidad)                        | { Lt.-Col. James Cran, O.B.E.    |
| Mr. A. J. Findlay, M.A.,<br>B.Sc. (British Cameroons) | { Mr. A. Dasent.                 |
| Mr. George R. Hutson<br>(Barbados)                    | { J. Dalglish & Co.              |
| Mr. Stafford Maxwell<br>(Jamaica)                     | { Mr. J. Evans.                  |
| Mr. H. Fred. W. Munn<br>(Jamaica)                     | { Mr. O. E. Whitehead.           |
| Grace Brothers, Ltd.                                  | { Mr. Torrance S. Skeete.        |
| Mr. Harding Browne                                    | { Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.           |
| James J. Wall & Co.<br>(Montserrat)                   | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.         |
| Lieut. Cyril Turpin<br>(St. Vincent)                  | { Mr. W. Bagget Gray.            |
| Mr. H. Gordon Tennant<br>(Jamaica)                    | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.         |
| Mr. H. E. Capstick<br>(Jamaica)                       | { Mr. W. Bagget Gray.            |
| Mr. A. G. M. Robinson<br>(Jamaica)                    | { Mr. C. Sandbach Parker, C.B.E. |
| 2nd Lieut. A. Kenneth Taitt<br>(Trinidad)             | { Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.      |
| Miss Audrey Jeffers<br>(Trinidad)                     | { James Browne & Son.            |
| Mr. George R. Hutchinson<br>(Grenada)                 | { Mr. H. A. Trotter.             |
|   | { Dr. Alfred L. Wykham.          |
|   | { Mr. W. Gillespie.              |
|   | { Miss M. A. Cowie.              |
|   | { Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.        |
|   | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.         |
|   | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.             |
|   | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.         |
|   | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.             |
|   | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.         |
|   | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.             |
|   | { Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.        |
|   | { Mr. R. Rutherford.             |
|   | { Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.        |
|   | { Mr. R. Rutherford.             |
|   | { Mr. W. Gillespie.              |
|   | { Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.      |

The following deaths were reported:

- S. B. Goodall      - Hon. E. P. Hoopes  
 - Lieut. Alex. Fraser  
 Reported by      { James Gillespie      - Very Rev. Dean E. Sloman (5)  
 Error. See p. 98

Resignation:

W. L. Biddy (3 1910) 9? ✓

Read letter from the Colonial Office (July 11 18) stating that the Government of India had as yet expressed no opinion regarding the recommendations of the Inter-departmental Committee on immigration. The Secretary was instructed to obtain a copy of the correspondence referred to by the Colonial Office.

Correspondence and action taken regarding the embargo on green lines in America was approved.

The Secretary reported the steps which had been taken to induce the Government to place a further steamer on the England - Jamaica route in place of the SS Tartuquero sunk by an enemy submarine in June, and this was approved.

Letters were read from the Ministry of Shipping (June 27) regarding the allotment of space in future Calcutta - West Indies steamers & Messrs Sandbach Thorne & Co (July 8<sup>th</sup>). The Ministry promised that every effort would be made in future to secure that sufficient notice of sailings would be given to enable the established line to make an equitable allocation of space.

Cablegrams from the Trinidad Agricultural & Commercial bodies were read & Mr Trotter stated that every effort had been & would continue to be made to secure a relaxation in the embargo on cocoa.

(July 18)

R. Rutherford.

AUG 15. 1918

Membership 1752

1763

Elected 15.8.18  
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1776

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Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee  
held at 15, Seething Lane on Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> 1910

Present Mr. R. Rutherford  
" H. A. Trotter  
Mr. E. R. Dawson  
" E. A. de Pass  
" L. Fawcett  
" T. Greenwood  
" C. Sandbach Parker C.B.E.  
" E. Luxmoore Marshall  
Mr. H. F. Prentice  
Sir Owen Philipps G.C.M.G., M.P.  
W. G. Moody Stuart  
" Algernon Aspinal C.M.G.  
Hon. Sec:

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

The following were elected members of the West India Committee:

| Candidate.   | Proposer and Seconder.    |
|--|---------------------------|
| Prob.-Surg. A. Branch (Antigua)                          | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall. |
| Mr. William Dougall (Jamaica)                            | Sir O. Philipps, G.C.M.G. |
| Mr. N. P. Birch (Tobago)                                 | Mr. W. Baggett Gray.      |
| Mr. James Brebner  | Mr. E. A. de Pass.        |
| Mr. D. B. Callaghan (Jamaica)                            | Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
| Miss L. E. Wilkinson                                     | Mr. H. A. Trotter.        |
| Mr. W. G. Hendriks (Jamaica)                             | Mr. W. W. Craib.          |
| Mr. R. E. Davis (Trinidad)                               | Mr. C. Sandbach Parker.   |
| Rev. T. Huckerby (Grenada)                               | Mr. W. Baggett Gray.      |
| Mr. D. McBride (Trinidad)                                | Mr. E. A. de Pass.        |
| Mr. E. F. Hutchinson (Trinidad)                          | Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.   |
| Mr. Robert de Sousa (Trinidad)                           | Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
| Mr. A. S. Jardine (Trinidad)                             | Mr. E. A. de Pass.        |
| Mr. Gilbert C. Skinner (Trinidad)                        | Sir O. Philipps, G.C.M.G. |
| Mr. R. A. <del>Lawrence</del> <b>TOKRANCE</b> (Trinidad) | Hon. C. J. Simmons.       |
| Mr. Alexander Rae (Trinidad)                             | Hon. C. E. F. Richards.   |
| Edward Young & Co., Ltd. (Barbados)                      | Mr. C. V. C. Horne.       |
| Mr. F. A. Layne (Barbados)                               | Hon. P. J. Dean.          |
| Mr. H. J. Kernahan (Tobago)                              | Mr. W. Gillespie.         |
| Mr. C. O. Hodgkins (Trinidad)                            | Mr. G. F. Huggins.        |
| Mr. E. F. Aanensen (Trinidad)                            | Mr. G. F. Huggins.        |
| Mr. E. L. Bovell (Trinidad)                              | Mr. W. Gillespie.         |
| Mr. P. A. Taaffe O'Connor (Trinidad)                     | Mr. W. Gillespie.         |
| Bahamas Chamber of Commerce (Bahamas)                    | Mr. G. F. Huggins.        |
|  | Mr. W. Gillespie.         |
|  | Mr. G. F. Huggins.        |
|  | Mr. W. Gillespie.         |
|  | Mr. E. A. de Pass.        |
|  | Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.     |
|  | Sandbach, Tinne & Co.     |
|  | Mr. E. A. de Pass.        |
|  | Hon. W. L. C. Phillips.   |
|  | Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
|  | Mr. Duncan Macgillivray.  |
|  | Mr. Robert S. Reid.       |
|  | Mr. E. A. de Pass.        |
|  | Mr. G. Moody Stuart.      |
|  | Mr. G. F. Huggins.        |
|  | Mr. W. Gillespie.         |
|  | Mr. G. F. Huggins.        |
|  | Mr. W. Gillespie.         |
|  | Mr. Edgar Tripp.          |
|  | Sir G. Fenwick, K.C.M.G.  |
|  | Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.   |
|  | Mr. R. Rutherford.        |

Letters were read from the Colonial Office and Food Production Department (Aug 12) to the effect that as Mauritius only required 500 tons of Sulphate of Ammonia after all 1500 tons would be released for the British West Indies. It was decided to recommend that this quantity be allotted on the same basis as that in which the earlier allocation was made.

On the recommendation of the Premises Subcommittee (page 76) it was decided to issue an appeal for funds at a suitable opportunity for the provision of improved premises and an assistant Secretary.

The following resolution was moved by the Chairman and carried unanimously:

"That the Executive of the West India Committee hereby record the sincere satisfaction with which they have learnt from the announcement made by the Right Hon. Walter Long, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies, at a luncheon of the West Indian Club, on July 24th, that His Majesty's Government has approved a scheme for the adoption of preference within the Empire.

"They desire to express the hope that such effect will be given to this decision as will assure the prosperity of

the British West Indian Colonies which suffered so severely in the past from subsidised foreign competition.

"They desire further to urge that, in view of the extreme importance of the plans for the development of the industries of the British West Indies being matured immediately, details of the scheme foreshadowed by Mr. Walter Long may be made public with the least possible delay."

It was announced that the Government had decided to give to the Signatories to the Brussels Convention six months notice of their intention to resume complete liberty of action in respect of their policy with regard to sugar.

A letter was read from Messrs. Rowett Leakey & Co dated August 13 stating that the local Government had ordered rum in the Colonial Bond in British Guiana to be removed. It was pointed out that the Bond was really a transit warehouse the congestion in which was causing much inconvenience, and the Secretary was instructed to express regret that the Committee did not see their way to interfere in the matter.



It was reported that the Direct Line had now been authorised to bring 900 tons of cocoa from the best Indies every month in addition to the amount of 1000 tons already provided for.

R. Rutherford

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| Membership | 1776        |  |
| Elected    | <u>25</u>   |  |
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| <u>25</u> |  |
| 1812      |  |

The Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee  
held on Thursday October 3<sup>d</sup> 1918.

Present Mr. G. Rutherford

" H. A. Trotter

Mr. C. A. Campbell

Mr. A. McConnell

" E. R. Dawson

" H. V. Spooner

" C. Gurney

" Herbert Scutten

" E. A. de Pass

" G. Moody Stuart

" G. Gillespie

" E. A. Goble

" G. Fawcett

" G. M. Frame

" Herman Malcolmsen

" E. Luxmore Marshall

" Algernon E. Coppinell c.m.g.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting which had  
been circulated were confirmed.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by  
Mr. G. M. Frame & resolved unanimously:

That the Executive of the West India Committee  
desires to place on record the deep regret with which  
they have learnt of the death of Mr. G. P. Alston, for  
many years one of their colleagues, and to convey to  
Mr. Alston and the family their expression of sincere  
and heartfelt sympathy in the loss which they have  
sustained.

The following were elected Members of the West India  
Committee :

| Candidate.                                      | Proposer and Seconder.                                |
|---|---|
| 2nd Lieut. W. H. L. Medford,<br>M.C. (Barbados) | { Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.<br>{ Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| Mr. Ronald M. J. Gordon<br>(Peru)               | { Mr. F. J. L. Mure.<br>{ Mr. R. Rutherford.          |
| Mr. Charles A. Smith<br>(Peru)                  | { Mr. F. J. L. Mure.<br>{ Mr. R. Rutherford.          |
| Mr. Maurice Knee<br>(Peru)                      | { Mr. F. J. L. Mure.<br>{ Mr. R. Rutherford.          |
| Mr. Lionel J. Lee<br>(Nigeria)                  | { Mr. F. Evans.<br>{ Mr. O. E. Whitehead.             |
| 2nd Lieut. D. P. Pogson,<br>D.F.C. (Trinidad)   | { Mr. H. F. Previt .<br>{ Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.     |
| Sergt. Lloyd C. Byer<br>(Barbados)              | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>{ Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.     |
| Rev. John L. Ramson, M.A.<br>(Jamaica)          | { Dr. A. S. A. Ormsby.<br>{ Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall. |
| Mr. William T. E. Richards<br>(Barbados)        | { Mr. John H. Boyce.<br>{ Mr. A. S. Bryden.           |
| Miss Mary E. H. Jordan<br>(Barbados)            | { Mr. John H. Boyce.<br>{ Mr. A. S. Bryden.           |
| Mr. E. Martin Haynes<br>(Barbados)              | { Mr. John H. Boyce.<br>{ Mr. A. S. Bryden.           |
| Mr. John C. Hutson, B.A.,<br>Ph.D. (Barbados)   | { Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.<br>{ Mr. John Hutson, M.B.     |
| Mr. Robert A. Lightbourne<br>(Jamaica)          | { Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>{ Mr. W. Wilson, O.B.E.       |
| Messrs. Leyden & Co., Ltd.<br>(Jamaica)         | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>{ Mr. L. de Mercado.      |
| Mr. William J. Norton<br>(Jamaica)              | { Mr. W. Wilson, O.B.E.<br>{ Mr. W. Baggett Gray.     |
| Mr. Albert E. Harrison<br>(Jamaica)             | { Mr. W. Wilson, O.B.E.<br>{ Mr. W. Baggett Gray.     |
| 2nd Lieut. Percy J. Scott<br>(Trinidad)         | { Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.<br>{ Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| Mr. Christopher W. Vernon<br>(British Honduras) | { Hon. A. R. Usher, M.B.E.<br>{ Mr. D. B. Evans.      |
| Mr. Alexander Nash                              | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>{ Mr. Cyril Gurney.           |
| Mr. A. T. Cason                                 | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>{ Mr. Cyril Gurney.           |
| 2nd Lieut. J. A. Hadley<br>(Barbados)           | { Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.<br>{ Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| Mr. Wm. H. Bushell                              | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>{ Mr. G. Moody Stuart.        |
| Mr. G. H. Salmon                                | { Mr. C. F. Worters.<br>{ Mr. Charles Hales.          |
| Mr. Robert Nicol<br>(Cameroons)                 | { Mr. F. Evans.<br>{ Mr. C. G. Sandford Elvey.        |
| Mr. W. K. A. J. C. Hunter<br>(Cameroons)        | { Mr. F. Evans.<br>{ Mr. O. E. Whitehead.             |

A letter was read from the Colonial Office (Sep 16)  
uriting the Committee to nominate two rep-  
resentatives to sit on a Departmental Committee on  
Steamer Communication. Mr. R. Rutherford and  
Mr. H. A. Trotter were nominated accordingly.

A letter was read from the Brice & Spirit Trade  
Assn: (Sep 19) uriting the Committee to join in a

Deputations to the Colonial Office to press for permission to ship rum from Jamaica to the United Kingdom. The Secretary was instructed to reply that as the Government had only recently refused to remove the embargo on rum it was felt that no good purpose could be served by reopening the question at the present time.

Further complaints having been received regarding the allotment of space in the Calcutta - West Indies steamers, it was decided to address a further letter of protest to the Ministry of Shipping.

After consideration of a memorandum from Mr G. B. Massey on the subject of West Indian Federation the Secretary was instructed to reply that the Committee felt that the initiative in this matter should originate in the West Indies themselves & to add that it was understood that

the question could shortly be discussed by the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the British West Indies at a Conference to be held, probably, in Barbados.

It was decided to call the attention of the Colonial Office to the delay in the publication of our Communiqués in the West Indies.

At the instance of the Committee of West Indian Brokers it was decided to request the Port of London Authority and Shippers to bring their methods of charging rent into line with existing conditions instead of demanding such rent as from the time of vessels breaking bulk.

It was resolved to write to the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply, & to call their attention to the delay in distributing crystallised and muscovado sugar.

The Chairman drew attention to certain articles

in the Gernikow-Rienda Company's Circular fore-  
 shadowing the formation of a Cuban-American  
 Sugar Cartel to control European markets, and  
 the Secretary was instructed to watch the matter.

Mr. Frame raised a question regarding tax of  
 cocoa-bugs which it was decided to refer to  
 the cocoa Committee.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to  
 Sir William Trollope Bart. for the gift of a  
 mezzo-tint engraving of Admiral the Hon. Samuel  
 Barrington by Richard Parson after Sir Joshua  
 Reynolds. (12 Feb. 1780)

R. Rutherford.

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# Membership 1801

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| Less Ordinary..... | 11 |      |  |  |
| Resignations.      | 3  |      |  |  |
| Taken off..        | 21 | 35   |  |  |
|                    |    | 1766 |  |  |
| Restored to list   | 1  |      |  |  |
| Elected.....       | 14 | 15   |  |  |
|                    |    | 1781 |  |  |

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| 35   |
| 1777 |
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| 1792 |

Not mentioned in minutes.  
 See Nov. 14/18 Issue of Circular



Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of the  
West India Committee. Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> 1919

Present Mr. R. Rutherford Chairman  
.. H. A. Trotter

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. E. R. Dawson | Mr. H. V. Spooner         |
| .. G. Fawcett    | Sir William Trollope Bart |
| .. G. Gillespie  | Mr. G. A. Bolsley         |
| .. T. Greenwood  | 2                         |
| .. W. Malcolmson | Mr. Algernon R. Aspinall  |
| .. A. McCannell  | Hon. Sec:                 |

The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:

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| Obituary: Mr. George R. Alston | H. R. Hon. G. Hart-Bennett<br>C.M.G.                           |
| .. L. Gostant                  | Hon. S. V. Malone  |
| .. A. S. Williams              | 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut. D. L. Branden<br><u>killed in action</u> |
| .. G. A. Sealy                 | Mr. H. B. Leggatt  |
| .. G. Berch                    | Mr. F. Kent.   |
| .. G. Canacher                 | (11)   |

Resignations:

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| W. J. C. Henderson |
| .. E. Becker       |
| .. A. L. Mac Coll  |

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| ✓ W. F. A. Cress         | (4 1919) ✓ |
| ✓ .. Q. S. Creighton     | (5 1919) ✓ |
| ✓ .. Dominica Trading Co | (6 1919) ✓ |

## Removed from List:

Mr. R. L. Forbes (on retirement from G. M. S. P. Co)

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Mr. E. M. Beach   | Mr. L. M. F. Austin      |
| " C. P. Buckley   | + .. E. U. Brigg         |
| " B. Dixon        | " J. Mahabir             |
| " P. G. Greaves   | " A. H. McShine          |
| " P. H. Grey      | " J. T. Moir             |
| " C. H. Groll     | " E. Ingumbo Lazare      |
| " H. C. Huggins   | - .. J. S. Plummer       |
| " J. M. Ules      | + .. R. O'R. L. Thompson |
| X: P. Cremone     | " A. L. Springer         |
| Mr. F. J. Schenck | " W. Maude Roxby         |
| " F. J. Schenck   | (21)                     |

## Restored to list

Mr. James Gillespie (taken off in error 18.7.18  
p 86. (1))

Correspondence was read regarding immigration (G. I. Association Oct 24, B. G. Planters Assn. Aug 21 & Mr. Sandbach Parker C. B. B.) & was referred to the British Guiana Committee.

A letter was read from the Ministry of Shipping regarding allotment of space in the steamers on the Calcutta - West Indies service. It was decided to

request the Ministry to place another vessel on the route.

Correspondence was laid on the table regarding the delay in the distribution of muscovado sugar. The Commission promised to give attention to the matter.

It was decided to write to the various agricultural bodies in the West Indies asking them to state their requirements in respect of Sulphate of Ammonia.

Read a letter from the Colonial Office (Oct 11) regarding the British Guiana Excess Profits Tax.

A cablegram from the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce was read asking the Committee to clear up a misunderstanding with regard to exports of coconuts from Trinidad & asking the Committee to urge the Colonial Office to authorise the Governor to grant

licenses for the exportation of Venezuelan maize from the Colony.

The Secretary reported that the Colonial Office had now authorized the Governor to grant licenses for the exportation of cocoa freely, pending a decision as to the quantity to be shipped in 1918 & 1919.

With regard to the question of Venezuelan maize the Committee decided that it could not press for facilities for the shipment of foreign produce whilst best Indian produce was awaiting shipment.

Correspondence was read regarding the financing of shipments of gunny bags.

Attention was called to articles in the Best India Committee Circular regarding the proposed Cuban-American Sugar cartel.

H. G. J. [Signature]

Membership 1781  
Elected 7  

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Meeting of the Executive of the West India  
Committee Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> 1918

Present: Mr. H. C. Trotter

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Mr. C. Gurney    | Mr. E. L. Marshall                           |
| " C. A. Campbell | " H. F. Peiré                                |
| " E. R. Dawson   | " H. X. Spooner                              |
| " G. Fawcett     | " G. Moody Stuart                            |
| " E. A. de Pass  | " G. C. Moseley                              |
| " G. Gillespie   | Sir William Trollope                         |
| " W. Malcolmson  | <sup>d</sup><br>G. P. Osmond<br>Chief Clerk. |

The Minutes of the preceding meeting which had  
been circulated were confirmed.

Memberships 1781. Subscribers 83. Subscriptions in arrears  
100.

The following candidates were elected:

| Candidate.                               | Proposer and Seconder.        |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Mr. John M. Pearce<br>(British Honduras) | { Mr. E. J. F. Campbell.      |
| Mrs. Nivet<br>(Trinidad)                 | { Hon. A. R. Usher, M.B.E.    |
| Mr. Alfred F. Adderley<br>(Bahamas)      | { Mr. G. F. Huggins, O.B.E.   |
| Mr. José F. Salazar<br>(Trinidad)        | { Mr. Wm. Gillespie.          |
| Mr. J. Allsop<br>(Halifax)               | { Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.     |
| Dr. T. M. Bartlett, M.B.<br>(Jamaica)    | { Mr. S. S. A. Cambridge.     |
| Mr. Cyril Warren<br>(Nigeria)            | { Mr. E. A. de Pass, F.R.G.S. |
|  | { Mr. A. H. Cipriani.         |
|  | { Mr. E. A. de Pass, F.R.G.S. |
|  | { Mr. E. R. Davson.           |
|  | { Mr. L. de Mercado.          |
|  | { Mr. W. Baggett-Gray.        |
|  | { Mr. F. Evans.               |
|  | { Mr. A. H. Kirby.            |

Letter to the Colonial Office (Nov. 8) urging that steps might be taken to investigate sources of labour supply for British Guiana, with special reference to China, was approved.

Read letters from H. K. Dawson & Co (Nov. 20) Kleinwort Sons & Co (Nov 22) & Lee Spence & Co (Nov. 21) regarding the Inclasses Association. It was decided to write to the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply protesting against the control of molasses at a time when a relaxation in Government interference with trade was looked for, and urging that existing contracts might be recognised.

Read letter from the Wine & Spirit Trade Assn. Nov. 20. It was decided that the moment was not opportune for reopening the question of the importation of rum with the Colonial Office.

Much satisfaction was expressed with a letter

from the Ministry of Food (Nov 19) intimating that 2000 tons of cocoa could be importable before the end of the year & that licenses could be freely granted in the colonies pending a decision as to the quantity of ~~sugar~~<sup>cocoa</sup> to be licensed for 1919.

Read letters from the Sugar Commission dated Nov: 2<sup>nd</sup> & Nov: 21<sup>st</sup> regarding priority for sugar machinery, & visiting the views of the Committee as to the removal of the embargo on sugar imports & the freeing of the trade from Government control. These were referred to a sub-Committee.

It was decided to write a further letter to the Colonial Office calling attention to the fact that the Government of British Guiana was continuing to collect Excess profits duty from those subject to Excess profits tax in the United Kingdom, & asking him to issue instructions for this to cease and for the duty already paid in the Colony to be refunded in such cases.



It was decided to request the Secretary of State for the Colonies to receive a deputation on a convenient date to lay before him the desirability of securing the continuance of the Imperial Department of Agriculture.

Ordered that a letter be sent to the Colonial Office emphasising the need for securing the improvement of cable communication with & between the West Indian Colonies by an extension of the existing British cables from Bermuda.

It was decided to continue to press for the release of larger & cheaper supplies of Sulphate of Ammonia for the West Indies.

Read letter from Mr. Bomas Law to Mr. Aspinwall stating that the case of sugar was covered by Mr. Lloyd George's statement as to the intention of


TREASURY CHAMBERS,  
WHITEHALL, S.W.

23rd November, 1918.

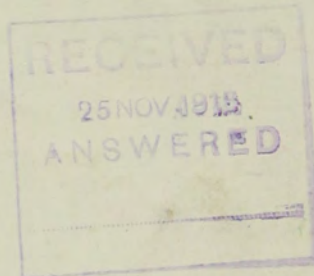
Dear Mr. Aspinall,

In reply to your letter of the 19th November, the terms of the letter from the Prime Minister to myself which intimates we shall be free to give a preference on all duties which for our own purposes we have imposed covers the case of sugar.

Yours very truly,

 *Aspinall*

Algernon Aspinall Esq., C.M.G.



the Coalition Party if returned to power to  
grant Imperial Preference in his letter of November  
2<sup>d</sup> published in the Press.

R. Rutherford

Memberships 1788

Resignations 3✓

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Initiated  
" 1918 6✓

Obituary 1✓

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Elected 23 ✓      24  

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Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of the  
West India Committee - January 16 1919

Present: Mr. G. Rutherford  
" H. A. Trotter

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mr. C. A. Campbell | Mr. C. Sandbach Parker C.B.E.   |
| Sir Edward Dawson  | " William Gillespie             |
| Mr. E. A. de Pass  | " H. Y. Spooner                 |
| " G. Fawcett B.Sc. | " G. A. Goleley                 |
| " W. Malcolmson    | Sir William Trollope<br>Bart    |
| " A. McConnell     | Mr. Algernon Elspie<br>C.P.M.G. |
| " H. F. Praté      | Secretary                       |

The Minutes of the preceding meeting which  
had been circulated were confirmed.

Membership 1788 ; Subscribers 83.

Resignations ✓ A. Vancei  
✓ Major H. G. Overington  
✓ Miss F. M. Estridge  
Obituary ✓ Mr. A. Marsden

Restored to list ✓ A. G. Siegent  
(he was not struck off!)

G.M.

The Chairman took the opportunity of congratulating <sup>107</sup>  
 Sir Edward Dawson upon the Knighthood conferred upon him.

The following candidates were elected:

| Proposers and Seconders.                      |   |
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| Messrs. D'Souza & Foster...<br>(London)       | Messrs. Czarnikow, Ltd.<br>Messrs. C. M. and C.<br>Woodhouse. |
| Mr. Percival Junor .....<br>(Jamaica)         | Mr. E. A. de Pass, F.R.G.S.<br>Sir Edward Dawson.             |
| Mrs. Alexander Grey .....<br>(Trinidad)       | Mr. G. F. Huggins, O.B.E.<br>Mr. William Gillespie.           |
| Mrs. N. M. Brailey .....<br>(London)          | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. W. A. Wolseley.                     |
| Mrs. E. H. Shorey .....<br>(Antigua)          | Sir William Trollope, Bart.<br>Mr. W. A. Wolseley.            |
| Capt. Edwd. H. Quin .....<br>(Jamaica)        | Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.                    |
| Dr. Norman L. Boxill .....<br>(Barbados)      | Mr. Joseph Briggs.<br>Sir F. J. Clarke, K.C.M.G.              |
| Mr. S. A. Hawkins .....<br>(Barbados)         | Mr. Jos. Connell.<br>Mr. J. J. Law.                           |
| Mr. A. G. Gill .....<br>(Barbados)            | Mr. A. O'N. Skinner.<br>Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.                  |
| Mrs. E. G. Skeete .....<br>(Barbados)         | Mr. A. O'N. Skinner.<br>Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.                  |
| Sir John Dimsdale, Bart....<br>(Trinidad)     | Mr. F. N. Martinez.<br>Mr. H. F. Previtte.                    |
| Lt. Wm. A. Yearwood ...<br>(Barbados)         | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.               |
| Dr. E. C. A. Wilson .....<br>(Dominica)       | Mr. Alex. W. Duncan.<br>Dr. H. A. A. Nicholls,<br>C.M.G.      |
| Rev. R. P. K. Bolton ...<br>(Antigua)         | Mr. Robert Bryson.<br>Mr. D. D. Bryson.                       |
| Dr. C. G. Deane .....<br>(Barbados)           | Lt.-Col. A. De Boissiere.<br>Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.        |
| Capt. O. H. Keeling .....<br>(Jamaica)        | Mr. A. F. G. Ellis.<br>Mr. William Gillespie.                 |
| Mr. V. D. C. Henriques ...<br>(Jamaica)       | Hon. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.<br>Mr. C. Lyon Hall.                 |
| Dr. J. E. Ramdeholl .....<br>(British Guiana) | Mr. Thos. Flood.<br>Mr. John Brummell, J.P.                   |
| Capt. C. R. S. Pike, B.A.,<br>C.F. (Jamaica)  | Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                      |

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| Mr. F. L. Lyon .....<br>(Jamaica)                | Mr. Fawcett, B.Sc.<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass.         |
| Sgt. M. Alberga .....<br>(Jamaica)               | Sgt. Lloyd C. Byer.<br>Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E. |
| Mrs. C. A. Clarke .....<br>(London)              | Mr. Chas. Hewett.<br>Mr. L. H. Miller.           |
| Second Lieut. P. S. Stoby...<br>(British Guiana) | Mr. Luke M. Hill, M.I.C.E.<br>Mr. Guy Wyatt.     |

Read letter December 18 from the Royal  
 Commission on the Sugar Supply regarding the  
 control of molasses promising that this  
 should be terminated at the earliest  
 appropriate opportunity. Read letter from  
 Messrs Booker Bros MacCannell & Co (Jan 14)  
 on the same subject & it was decided to

ask that the contract be withdrawn it appearing that the Government would not be buyers beyond this month.

Correspondence was laid on the table regarding the new standards set up for muscovado & syrup sugars by the Royal Commission.

A discussion took place regarding the archaic system of assessing duties by the "Dutch Standard" in Canada. It being shown that the latest standards were lighter than their predecessors it was decided to urge the substitution of a more <sup>& a British</sup> lasting standard <sup>of value</sup> if one were still considered necessary.

Read letter from the Secretary of State to the effect that the Committee's representations

on the subject of double payment of Excess Profits' duty had been referred to the Governor of British Guiana.

The Secretary reported that he had been informed that the export of rice from India was now controlled & that Messrs. Harrow had received a cablegram to state that 4000 tons only could be sanctioned for export to the West Indies. Those normal requirements were 25000 tons. A letter to the Colonial Office on the subject was approved.

Correspondence with the Jamaica Imperial Association which had forwarded a series of resolutions on the subject of Imperial Preference was approved. (J.I.A. letter Nov. 21 18)

The Report of the Dominica Roads' Commission



was referred to a meeting of Demerica proprietors.

Read letters from the Food Production Department regarding Sulphate of Ammonia promising that the special requirements of plantations in the West Indies in respect of this fertilizer could be borne in mind (Nov. 27), & stating that the Department could not recommend the export to the West Indies of mixed chemical manures. (Dec. 24 18). It was decided to make enquiries regarding Basic Slag & to ask what manures could be exported.

Read letter from Sandbach Turine & Co (Jan. 11 19) pointing out that Canada had been buying Santo Domingo Sugar & requesting the Committee to urge her to buy West-Indian. It was pointed out that this was only a set off to the Royal Commission having purchased

75000  
 80,000 tons British best Indian, & that all  
 Demingos could be delivered by July and that in  
 the circumstance the Committee did not see their  
 way to take action.

At the instance of Mr. C. Sandbach Parker C.B. & C.  
 a discussion took place regarding the Excess  
 Profits Tax. It was decided to represent to the  
 Colonial Office the serious position in which <sup>those firms and individuals interested in</sup> the British  
 best Indian <sup>Agricultural</sup> Sugar Industry <sup>of sugar</sup> and subject to the tax, could  
 be placed if the Exchequer were not to repay amounts  
 already paid in compensation for losses after the  
 removal of the Excess Profits Tax.

The Secretary reported that the War Trophies  
 Committee had offered to the Best India  
 Committee 22 captured German machine  
 guns for the best Indian colonies, & it was  
 decided to accept that offer with thanks.

R. Rutherford

Memberships 1802

Less  
Resignations 6 ✓  
Obituary 3 ✓

9  
1793

Add

Restored to list 2

Elected 12  
12?

14  
1807

12 elected  
2 restored.

1813  
9  
1804  
14  
1818

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive  
Committee, February 6<sup>th</sup> 1919.

Present Mr. R. Gutterford

Mr. C. A. Campbell

Sir Edward Dawson

Mr. A. J. McConnell

.. S. Cameron

.. C. Sandbach Parker C.B.E.

.. Cyril Gurney

.. H. F. Prentice

& .. Algernon L. Aspinall Sec.

Arising out of the minutes of the preceding meeting a further discussion took place regarding the Excess Profits tax. It was decided to send copies of a draft letter on the subject to the Ceylon Association & similar bodies with a view to ascertaining if some basis for cooperative action could be arrived at

The minutes were then confirmed.

Membership 1802. Subscribers 83.

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| Resignations | ✓ J. L. Sturt      | Obituary            |
|              | ✓ Cory Bros        | ✓ W. R. S. Houghton |
|              | ✓ J. S. Croden     | ✓ " J. Gillespie    |
|              | ✓ Y: J. S. Gabriel | ✓ Lady Briggs (3)   |
|              | ✓ James Smith      |                     |
|              | ✓ J. Stott (6)     |                     |

To be restored to the list:

- ✓ E. U. Guig
- ✓ J. P. Plummer

The following candidates were admitted to Membership:

| NAME.                                   | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES.                         |
|---|--|
| Paymaster C. V. S.<br>Hooman (Trinidad) | Sir T. Fenwick, K.C.M.G.<br>Hon. R. S. A. Warner |
| Paymaster Shirley F.<br>Tuck, R.N.R.    | Sir T. Fenwick, K.C.M.G.<br>Hon. R. S. A. Warner |
| Sgn. H. C. Billings, R.N.               | Sir T. Fenwick, K.C.M.G.<br>Hon. R. S. A. Warner |
| Lieut. H. J. Hayward<br>R.N.V.R.        | Sir T. Fenwick, K.C.M.G.<br>Hon. R. S. A. Warner |
| Col. George H. May<br>V.D. (Trinidad)   | Sir T. Fenwick, K.C.M.G.<br>Hon. R. S. A. Warner |
| D. S. Webster (Trinidad).               | Sir T. Fenwick, K.C.M.G.<br>Hon. R. S. A. Warner |
| Capt. J. A. Goodwin, R.E.               | Sir T. Fenwick, K.C.M.G.<br>Hon. R. S. A. Warner |
| Mr. Phineas A. Neckles<br>(Grenada)     | Mr. John C. King.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.          |
| Mr. Stuart Poole Davidson<br>(Jamaica)  | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. F. Previte.         |
| Mr. William James Cox ...               | Messrs. Paines and Reid<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.    |
| Messrs. John Leckie &<br>Co., Ltd.      | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Sir Edward Davson.         |
| Mr. Guy O'Reilly .....<br>(St. Lucia)   | Mr. George Barnard.<br>Mr. H. H. Prudhomme.      |

Read letter from the Food Production Depart-  
ment stating that they were now prepared to  
issue licenses for the export of Sulphate of Ammonia

Superphosphates & certain quantities of compound fertilisers to the British West Indies. Ordered that the letter be circulated and that the Department be requested to accept the figures of S & G requisitioned last year as the basis of present requirements which could, however, depend on prices.

Letter from Viscount Milner 407/1919 Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> stating that the question of telegraphic communication with the West Indies was under consideration, and that the Committee's representations had been noted.

Letter from Viscount Milner Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> stating that owing to the failure of the autumn crops rice could only be exported from India to those British Colonies having an Indian population, but that it was hoped that  $\frac{2}{3}$  of their usual requirements could be available for the West Indies.

Read for information Minutes of Meetings of the

British Guiana & Proprietors & Jamaica Proprietors held  
on January 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> respectively

The decision of the former to ask Lord Milnes to  
receive a deputation on immigration was appro-  
ved & the resolutions of the Jamaica proprietors  
were at the instance of Mr. Herbert Santon  
confirmed.

R. Rutherford.  
March 6<sup>th</sup> 1815.

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Membership 1807  
Elected 20  
1827

1818  
20  
1838



Minutes. March 6<sup>th</sup> 1919

Present Mr. R. Rutherford

Sir William Trollope Bart

Mr. H. F. Previté

Mr. H. D. Spooner

& " Algernon L. Aspinall C.M.G.  
Sealy

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Membership 1807 ; Subscribers 83 ;

The following candidates were elected :

| NAME.                               | PROPOSERS AND SECONDS.                             |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Mr. J. McA. Waddell                 | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Messrs. Czarnikow, Ltd.       | Mr. G. C. du Boulay                         | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>(Seychelles)<br>Mr. H. F. Previté        |
| Sir George Le Hunte,<br>G.C.M.G.    | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. H. F. Previté             | Mr. H. E. King                              | Hon. W. Phillips, O.B.E.<br>(Barbados)<br>Mr. H. B. G. Austin |
| Mr. W. E. Mandeville<br>(W. Africa) | Mr. W. F. Mandeville<br>Mr. J. H. Wilkinson        | Mr. G. A. Clarke                            | Hon. W. Phillips, O.B.E.<br>(Barbados)<br>Mr. H. B. G. Austin |
| Mr. W. McDonald<br>(Antigua)        | Mr. H. F. Previté<br>Mr. H. D. Spooner             | Mr. J. F. Sealy                             | Hon. W. Phillips, O.B.E.<br>(Barbados)<br>Mr. H. B. G. Austin |
| Mr. W. F. Malone<br>(St. Kitts)     | Mr. H. K. F. Smith<br>Mr. W. Gillespie             | Capt. J. McDonald, M.C.<br>D.F.C. (Antigua) | Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. H. D. Spooner                  |
| Miss J. G. Gillespie                | Mr. C. T. Berthon,<br>A.M.I.C.E.<br>Mr. W. Douglas | Miss F. L. Hart Bennett                     | Miss M. Moseley<br>Mr. R. Rutherford                          |
| Mrs. M. B. Wigley<br>(St. Kitts)    | Mr. E. J. Shelford<br>Mr. W. M. Wigley             | Mr. T. Wildman<br>(Grenada)                 | Mr. G. M. Frame<br>Mr. S. Ewen                                |
| Mr. F. S. Thornhill<br>(B. Guiana)  | Mr. H. F. Previté<br>Sir W. Trollope, Bart.        | Mr. H. V. Alexander<br>(Jamaica)            | Mr. L. de Mercado<br>Mr. W. Wilson, O.B.E.                    |
| Mr. D. S. Lopez<br>(Jamaica)        | Mr. A. W. Farquharson<br>Mr. L. de Mercado         | Mr. V. E. L. Verley<br>(Jamaica)            | Mr. L. de Mercado<br>Mr. Wm. Wilson, O.B.E.                   |
| Mr. C. C. Henriques<br>(Jamaica)    | Mr. A. W. Farquharson<br>Mr. L. de Mercado         | Mr. R. Pound                                | Mr. G. F. Huggins, O.B.E.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie                 |

The final draft of a letter regarding the Excess Profits Tax was approved & the Secretary was instructed to forward it to Lord Milner & to send copies to Sir Edward Gosling for submission to the Ceylon Association & Indian Tea Association.

It appearing that the representatives of the Committee who attended the Conference on the export of Sulphate of Ammonia at the Board of Agriculture had promised to watch the interests of Mauritius the Secretary was instructed to ask if the "Export Traders" were asking £ 32-10 for Sulphate for Mauritius whilst charging best Indian proprietors £ 26-10 (f.o.b.)

R. Rutherford

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| Membership       | 1827      | 1838      |
| Elected          | <u>14</u> | <u>14</u> |
|                  | 1841      | 1852      |
| Less ordinary    |           | <u>10</u> |
| 4                |           | 1842      |
| resignations     | <u>10</u> | <u>1</u>  |
| 6                | 1836      | 1843      |
| Restored to list | <u>1</u>  |           |
|                  | 1837      |           |

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of the  
West India Committee. March 27 1919. +

Present Mr. Gutteridge in the Chair  
" H. C. Trotter

Mr. C. Gurney  
" C. A. Campbell  
" E. A. de Bass  
" W. Malcolmson  
" E. L. Marshall  
" C. Sandbach Barker C. B. S.  
" L. Fawcett B Sc  
" G. A. Colreley  
Sir William Trollope Bart.  
Mr. H. F. Pevitt

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Mr. Algernon E. Aspinall C. M. G.  
Hon. Sec.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were  
read and confirmed.

Membership 1827 Subscribers 83

Obituary: Mr. John C. Gordon  
 Dr. G. Candy Black  
 Sir Robert Leveley  
 , W. Albert V. Pat (4)

Resignations:

Messrs. Delacour Bros  
 Mr. H. Goldsmith Williams  
 Mr. H. Sangtleben  
 Messrs. C. Neilson & Sons  
 Captain A. Scrinton  
 & Lady Le Hunt (6)

To be restored to the List: Capt. Maud-Roxley

The following new members were elected:

| NAME.  | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES.                     |
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| Mr. C. Elliott Jemmott ...<br>(Trinidad)             | Mr. Sydney A. Howard<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp      |
| Mr. William Wallace Smith<br>(Grenada)               | Mr. A. H. B. Gall<br>Mr. P. A. F. Macleod    |
| Messrs. Rose & Laflamme,<br>Ltd. (Canada)            | Mr. J. S. E. Brookfield<br>Mr. A. L. Bennett |
| Mr. Charles Lister Clarke...<br>(Jamaica)            | Mr. L. de Mercado<br>Mr. Wm. Wilson, O.B.E.  |
| Mr. Julius Robert Falconer<br>(Trinidad)             | Mr. G. F. Huggins<br>Mr. A. H. Hamel Smith   |
| Mr. Percy A. Ashmead<br>Bartlett (London)            | Mr. A. H. Hamel Smith<br>Miss Mary Moseley   |
| Mr. Leonard H. R.<br>Farquharson (Jamaica)           | Mr. A. W. Farquharson<br>Mr. L. de Mercado   |
| Hon. C. B. Vickers .....<br>(Jamaica)                | Mr. Cyril Gurney<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter        |
| The Anglo-Ceylon & General<br>Es. Co., Ltd. (London) | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter       |
| Maj.-Gen. W. W. H. Grey,<br>C.B., C.M.G. (London)    | Mr. G. M. Frame<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter         |
| Mr. James Henley Batty ...<br>(London)               | Mr. G. M. Frame<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter         |
| Mr. Thomas Bannister Hull<br>(St. Lucia)             | Mr. William Gillespie<br>Mr. J. H. Bourne    |
| Mr. Ronald Macdonald .....<br>(Jamaica)              | Mr. L. de Mercado<br>Mr. Wm. Wilson, O.B.E.  |
| Mr. John Shakespeare Nash<br>(Jamaica)               | Mr. L. de Mercado<br>Mr. Wm. Wilson, O.B.E.  |

Correspondence with the Food Production Department & the Sulphate of Ammonia Association was read showing that the Committee had secured a reduction in the price of Sulphate for export to Mauritius from £32-10 to the best Indian figure of £26-10 per ton in accordance with the pledge made in 1917 that they would watch the interests of Mauritius in this respect.

It further showed that the exporters were not charged a higher price for sulphate to compensate them, <sup>producers</sup> for having to sell to the British Farmer at £16-10 per ton, but that the producer received a subsidy for every ton sold to the British Farmer.

Read letter from the West India Association of Liverpool (19.3.19) supporting the views of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce regarding steamer

communication.

Read letter from the Molascuit Company expressing the hope that proprietors would counteract the effects of an advertisement by a Company producing a product which competed with molascuit by themselves inserting advertisements in Farmers' papers. It was agreed that no action was called for. (19.3.19.)

A discussion took place regarding a private Conference which the Chairman, Sir E. Dawson & the Secretary had attended at the Custom House on March 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the proposal to give a preference to British Colonial Sugar. It was decided to represent to the Department that preference should be granted on refined as well as on unrefined sugar, but only on sugar refined from raw material solely of Empire origin, and the

Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Mr. C. Sandbach Parker were nominated a Sub-Committee to draft a Memorandum expressing the Committee's general views on the subject.

It was decided to inform Sir Robert Lyle that the Committee regretted that they could not support the proposals of the British Refiners which included a rebate of  $\frac{1}{2}^d$  per lb on all sugar refined in a British Refinery.

It was decided to request permission for the Committee to submit its views to the Imperial Telegraphic Communication Committee which, it was understood, had been set up.

R. Rutherford  
May 1. 1915.



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| Membership             | 1832  | 1823     |
| Less Resignation       | 3     | <u>9</u> |
| Obituary               | 6     | 1834     |
|                        | 9     | 27       |
|                        | <hr/> | <hr/>    |
| To be restored to list | 1823  | 1861     |
| Elected                |       |          |
|                        |       | 27       |
|                        | <hr/> |          |
| Total                  | 1850  |          |

Meeting of the Executive May 1<sup>st</sup> 1919.

Present Mr. G. Rutherford

.. H. A. Trotter

Mr. G. Gillespie

Mr. E. Luxmore Marshall

.. C. A. Campbell

.. C. Sandbach Parker C. B. E.

.. E. A. de Pass

.. J. Herbert Scuttan

.. G. Fawcett

Sir William Trollope Bart

.. G. M. Frame

Mr. G. A. Colseley

.. H. Malcolmson

and

Mr. Algernon E. Aspinall C. M. G. Sec:

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Membership 1831 ; Subscribers 84 ;

Resignations: Mr. G. H. Williams, Mr. J. H. Gahne  
& Rev. A. M. B. Jemmett.

Obituary: Mr. J. H. Boyce, Mr. A. H. Bennett  
Mr. M. J. Comacho, Mr. J. R. Heywood, Mr. S.  
Hart & Mr. C. K. Bancroft.

Restored to list of members: Mr. G. L. Bennice

The following were elected to Memberships of the  
West India Committee:

| NAME.  | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES.                             |
|--|--|
| Mr. Mark C. Steedman .....<br>(London)           | Mr. E. Luxmore Marshall<br>Mr. G. Macgregor Frame    |
| Mr. P. G. M. Mitchell .....<br>(London)          | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. H. F. Previté               |
| Mr. H. A. P. Cotton .....<br>(London)            | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. H. F. Previté               |
| Mr. D. I. Conradi .....<br>(London)              | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. H. F. Previté               |
| Capt. C. E. Down, O.B.E.,<br>R.N.R. (London)     | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. H. F. Previté               |
| The McClearn Co. Ltd. ....<br>(Canada)           | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. H. F. Previté               |
| Mr. Salvador de Caires .....<br>(British Guiana) | Mr. A. P. G. Austin<br>Mr. A. K. F. Duncan           |
| Mr. A. L. McColl .....<br>(Country)              | Mr. H. F. Previté<br>Mr. E. Luxmore Marshall         |
| Capt. W. M. Richards .....<br>(St. Vincent)      | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford       |
| Capt. F. Justin Miller .....<br>(Country)        | Mr. W. Gillespie<br>Sir Wm. Trollope, Bart.          |
| Mr. Ernest Woodhouse .....<br>(London)           | Mr. William Gillespie<br>Mr. R. Rutherford           |
| Mrs. H. McEwan .....<br>(Grenada)                | Mr. W. C. de Gale<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter               |
| Victoria Mutual Building<br>Society (Jamaica)    | Mr. L. de Mercado<br>Mr. Altamont da Costa           |
| Balata, Ltd. ....<br>(London)                    | Mr. F. C. Archer<br>Mr. W. A. Wolseley               |
| Lt.-Col. H. J. F. Yates ...<br>(Barbados)        | Mr. H. B. G. Austin<br>Mr. F. W. G. Austin           |
| Mr. Thomas Laycock .....<br>(W. Africa)          | Mr. Frank Evans<br>Mr. R. Rutherford                 |
| Mr. Henry Mason .....<br>(W. Africa)             | Mr. Frank Evans<br>Mr. O. E. Whitehead               |
| Mr. H. S. Cameron .....<br>(Country)             | Mr. Frank Evans<br>Mr. O. E. Whitehead               |
| Mr. P. W. Sangster .....<br>(Jamaica)            | Mr. A. W. Farquharson<br>Mr. L. de Mercado           |
| Lt. T. M. Harries, D.F.C.<br>(Trinidad)          | Mr. H. A. Trotter<br>Mr. R. Rutherford               |
| Mr. J. E. Corbin .....<br>(Country)              | Mr. E. Powis Gladwin<br>Mr. W. A. Wolseley           |
| Capt. A. Keith Jones, R.N.<br>(Jamaica)          | Lt.-Col. A. Marescaux<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson       |
| Mr. Michael T. M. Ormsby,<br>M.I.C.E.I. (London) | Mr. Ormsby, M.I.C.E., &c.<br>Rev. J. L. Ransom, M.A. |
| Mr. B. C. Forder .....<br>(Country)              | Mr. H. F. Previté<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter               |
| Lieut. Donald E. Chase ...<br>(Barbados)         | Mr. H. F. Previté<br>Sir Wm. Trollope, Bart.         |
| Messrs. D. Haes & Co. ....<br>(London)           | Mr. E. A. de Pass<br>Mr. William Gillespie           |
| Stokes Castings, Ltd. ....<br>(Country)          | Mr. Norman Malcolmson<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter           |

The Chairman referred to the adoption  
of Imperial Preference & it was decided to  
transmit <sup>a resolution</sup> to the Chancellor of the Exchequer  
expressing the Committee's satisfaction at the  
proposals in this connection having been  
carried out. It was left to the Chairman,  
the Deputy-Chairman and the Secretary to

settle the terms of the resolution. Incidentally the Chairman referred to the pleasing coincidence that it should have been left to a son of the great statesman who brought the question of Imperial Preference forward in 1903, to announce that effect was to be given to that policy. He also read a letter from the Right Hon: Joseph Chamberlain to the Committee dated Sept: 29 1903 and recorded in the Minutes of October 1<sup>st</sup> in that year.

On the motion of the Chairman L. C. F. Good was elected unanimously a member of the Executive pursuant to Article VI of the Royal Charter of Incorporation.

It was decided to hold the annual general meeting at 3.30 P.M. on Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup>

Letters were read from the Jamaica Imperial Association and Mr. Edgar

Tripp enclosing resolutions in favour of the establishment of Tropical Agricultural Colleges in Jamaica & Trinidad & the transfer of the headquarters of the Imperial Department of Agriculture to each of those islands. It was decided to await the return of Mr. G. Moody Stuart from Trinidad before taking any action in this connection.

Correspondence with the Colonial Office regarding supplies of rice for Jamaica was read (C.O. 4.19.1919) & the Secretary was instructed to cable the Jamaica Imperial Association advising them to apply to the Governor if further supplies were required for the present year.

Letters were read from the Ministry of Food (30.4.19) regarding the de-control of cocoa

The Secretary was instructed to circulate these letters among the members interested.

Read letters from the Colonial Office March 24 and April 24 regarding the incidence of the Excess Profits Taxes in British Guiana and the United Kingdom. The Secretary was instructed to ascertain from the British Guiana proprietors what their experience had been in respect of the British Guiana tax.

Letter from the Jamaica Imperial Ass<sup>ns</sup> complaining of the effects of the monopoly of the United Fruit Company & Atlantic Fruit Company in the shipment of bananas & urging the Committee to endeavor to induce the Government to deal with the matter.

R. Rutherford.  
May 15. 1915.

Memberships 1850

Resignation 1

Ordinary 5

6

Elected

1844 ✓

10 ✓

1854 ✓

1861

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1855

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive  
Committee held on Thursday, May 15 1919.

Present:

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| Mr. R. Rutherford  |                                  |
| " C. Gurney        |                                  |
| Mr. G. Gillespie   | Mr. C. Sandbach Barker<br>C.B.E. |
| " L. Fawcett B.Sc. | Sir William Trollope<br>Bart     |
| " E. L. Marshall   | Mr. G. Moody Stuart              |
| " G. M. Frame      | Mr. C. F. Good                   |

The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

It was resolved:

That the Executive of the West India Committee desire to place on record their sense of satisfaction at the decision of the Government, as announced by the Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain M.P. in his Budget Statement in the House of Commons on April 30, to give effect to the declaration of the Imperial War Cabinet and



and Imperial War Conference in 1917 that preference  
in duties now or hereafter, <sup>existing</sup> could be introduced  
for goods of Imperial origin.

Memberships 1850      Subscribers 84

Resignation Mr. R. Gill

Obituary Lieut G. J. Miller

" R. C. S. D. D. D. D.

Mr. A. C. Siegest

Major E. C. Ker Seymour

Mr. G. H. Beach

The following candidates were elected  
members of the West India Committee:

|  |       |                            |
|--|-------|----------------------------|
| Mr. Randolph L. Nicol<br>(New York)      | ...   | Mr. E. C. Skinner.         |
| Mr. George A. Robertson<br>(St. Vincent) | ...   | Mr. G. MacGregor Frame.    |
| Mrs. Mary Aldric Perez<br>(Trinidad)     | ...   | Mr. H. Hayward.            |
| Mr. Henry Sinclair Mason<br>(Barbados)   | ...   | Mr. Lewis Punnett.         |
| Mrs. Agnes Senhouse Sealy<br>(Country)   | ...   | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.  |
| Mr. John Wilson<br>(Trinidad)            | ..... | Mr. R. Rutherford.         |
| Mr. Wm. James Canty<br>(Cameroons)       | ..... | Mr. G. Elliot Sealy.       |
| Mr. C. B. Wesleygammon<br>(Jamaica)      | ..... | Dr. N. L. Boxill.          |
| Mr. John Grigor Cameron<br>(Jamaica)     | ..... | Mr. G. Elliot Sealy.       |
| Mr. Luis Adolfo Gomez<br>(Gold Coast)    | ..... | Dr. N. L. Boxill.          |
|  |       | Mr. John W. Stephens.      |
|  |       | Mr. G. MacGregor Frame.    |
|  |       | Mr. A. R. Bell.            |
|  |       | Mr. W. K. A. J. C. Hunter. |
|  |       | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.     |
|  |       | Mr. L. de Mercado.         |
|  |       | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.     |
|  |       | Mr. L. de Mercado.         |
|  |       | Mr. W. E. Mandeville.      |
|  |       | Mr. E. Bernard Bonyun.     |

A draft Report for the year ended Dec. 31 last and the audited accounts for 1919 were considered, and, the former having been amended were approved.

X Mr. Moody Stuart having just returned from the West Indies explained the position with regard to the proposals to establish Tropical Agricultural Colleges both in Jamaica and Trinidad & to transfer the headquarters of the Imperial Department of Agriculture to those colonies. The question was referred to the Department of Agriculture Sub-Committee with the instruction not to attempt to press the claims of one colony as against the other.

It was decided to represent to the Income Tax Committee the desirability of the resumpt<sup>ion</sup>  
 in

of the practice of allowing residents in British Colonies to obtain the same abatements of Income Tax as residents in the United Kingdom which was discontinued in 1909. (See Hansard April 29 1909)

Reference was made to the lack of accommodation for passengers wishing to go to the West Indies, and it was decided to bring the matter before the notice of the Departmental Committee on Steamer Communication.

It was decided again to represent to the Colonial Office the great inconvenience resulting from the double payment of Excess Profits Tax in British Guiana and in the United Kingdom & to urge that the promised Order in Council on the subject might be issued without delay.

Attention was called to an announcement made by the Port of London Authority that they would not on and after June 1<sup>st</sup> accept liability for any deficiency in strength and quantity of rum housed with them unless such deficiency arose from neglect on the part of their officers and servants. It being believed that this was attempt to evade liability imposed under the Consolidated rate, Mr. Gurney & Mr. McConnell and Mr. de Bass were nominated to visit on St. Joseph Broadbank on the subject.

R. Rutherford.

June 12. 1815

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Membership: 1854 ✓  
 Elected 25 ✓  
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 4 JUN 1919  
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**EXECUTIVE**  
 CONSIDERED 12 JUN 1919

WARRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT

2nd June, 1919.

Sir,

Re your 5465.

I thank you for the copy of the resolution adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the West India Committee on the 29th May, expressing the satisfaction of the Committee with the introduction of Imperial Preference.

I thank you also for reminding me of my father's correspondence with you at the time of his resignation of the position of Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

*Arthur Chamberlain*

Algernon Aspinall, Esq., C.M.G.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee  
held on June 12 1919

Present: Mr. R. Rutherford  
.. H. A. Trotter

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| Mr. Cyril Gurney     | Major H. F. Bente                            |
| .. G. Gillespie      | Mr. G. Moody-Stuart                          |
| .. A. Suckham        | Sir William Trollope Bart.                   |
| .. G. Fawcett B. Sc. |  |
| .. H. Malcolmson     | Mr. Algernon <sup>R</sup> Caspiall<br>C.M.G. |

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Pursuant to Article V of the Royal Charter the following Officers were elected for the year 1919 - 20 :

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. R. Rutherford, Chairman.       |                    |
| .. H. A. Trotter, Deputy-Chairman. |                    |
| Mr. R. Rutherford                  | } Hon. Treasurers. |
| .. Cyril Gurney                    |                    |
| .. G. Gillespie                    |                    |

Read letter from the Right Hon. Cusston Chamberlain M.P. thanking the Committee for their resolution

expressing their satisfaction with the introduction of Imperial Preference. (June 2<sup>o</sup> 1919)

It was agreed that the time was opportune for issuing an Appeal for Funds to enable the Committee to secure the services of an Assistant-Secretary, and to acquire more convenient and commodious premises. A letter on this subject from the Secretary to the Chairman was considered & it was decided to invite the Premises Sub-Committee to settle the draft Appeal. It was also decided to endeavour to secure the services of an Assistant Secretary without delay.

Read letter from Lord Milner regarding Road development in Jamaica (see Circular 541 p. 162.)

The Chairman reported an interview which he & the Deputy-Chairman had had with the Chief Clerk of the West India Department

at the Colonial Office on May 30<sup>th</sup> when they urged the importance of placing the Imperial Department of Agriculture on a more permanent basis after the expiration of the present Imperial Grant in 1921, and the desirability of establishing a College of Tropical Agriculture in the West Indies. He added that they had arranged to hold a Conference on the subject with Sir Francis Batters after the arrival of the Commissioner in London.

A letter was read from the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce complaining of the prohibitive rate of duty on British Coffee in Martinique & Guadeloupe. The Secretary was instructed to make enquiries on the subject & to obtain the French tariffs.

Correspondence with the Royal Commission on the Income Tax was laid on the table, and it



was decided to urge that the concessions to British subjects resident abroad who derived income from the United Kingdom should be withdrawn by the Finance (1909-10) Act 1910 might again be pursued for.

Letters were read from their Excellencies the Governors of Barbados, British Guiana, Trinidad & Tobago and the Leeward Islands thanking the Committee for their gift of

captured German machine-guns.  
Resignation: <sup>to H. Arnold Bennett, 1920</sup> <sup>for</sup> Chitney: <sup>E. J. Macleai</sup> <sup>C. S. G. Ramsley</sup> <sup>J. H. Smith</sup>  
 The following were elected to membership of the West India Committee

| NAME.   | PROPOSERS AND SECONDS.                                      |
|---|---|
| Mr. Richard J. M. Lewin ...<br>(Jamaica)      | Sir S. Olivier, K.C.M.G.,<br>C.B.<br>Mr. Robert Rutherford. |
| Surgn.-Capt. A. G. Curphey,<br>M.C. (Jamaica) | Mr. Cyril Gurney.<br>Mr. Robert Rutherford.                 |
| Mr. Joseph Lionel Shannon<br>(Trinidad)       | Mr. H. W. Braithwaite.<br>Hon. Adam Smith, C.M.G.           |
| Mr. Gerald O. Case .....<br>(British Guiana)  | Mr. Paul Cressall, jun.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.                |
| Mr. Aubrey Evelyn .....<br>(Nevis)            | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.<br>Mr. Hugh F. Wildy.                 |
| Dr. C. A. Shaw, M.B.,<br>C.M. (St. Kitts)     | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.<br>Mr. Hugh F. Wildy.                 |
| Mr. Winston Hart Bryan ...<br>(Barbados)      | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>James A. Lynch & Co., Ltd.             |
| Mr. Frederick N. Roach ...<br>(Barbados)      | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>Messrs. Lynch & Co., Ltd.              |
| Mr. George W. Hutchinson<br>(Barbados)        | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>James A. Lynch & Co., Ltd.             |
| Mr. Vincent C. McCormack<br>(Jamaica)         | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado                 |
| Mr. N. C. Henriques .....<br>(Jamaica)        | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado.                |

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| Mr. S. R. Reuben .....<br>(Jamaica)                 | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado.    |
| Dr. P. E. H. Giuseppi, M.B.,<br>C.M., J.P. (London) | Mr. H. F. Previté.<br>Mr. G. Moody Stuart.      |
| Lieut.-Col. C. Wood-Hill,<br>D.S.O. (London)        | Mr. Robert Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter.    |
| Mr. James Crawford .....<br>(Barbados)              | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>James A. Lynch & Co., Ltd. |
| Mr. Clifford L. Blanchard<br>(Barbados)             | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>James A. Lynch & Co., Ltd. |
| Mr. Thomas A. Wooding ...<br>(Barbados)             | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>James A. Lynch & Co., Ltd. |
| Mr. Henry H. Carter .....<br>(Barbados)             | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>James A. Lynch & Co., Ltd. |
| Mr. Charles H. Kinch .....<br>(Barbados)            | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>James A. Lynch & Co., Ltd. |
| Messrs. John Gill & Co. ...<br>(Barbados)           | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>James A. Lynch & Co., Ltd. |
| Mr. Conrad B. Inniss .....<br>(Barbados)            | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>James A. Lynch & Co., Ltd. |
| Mr. F. N. A. Clairmonte ...<br>(Barbados)           | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>James A. Lynch & Co., Ltd. |
| Messrs. Ince & Co. ....<br>(Barbados)               | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>James A. Lynch & Co., Ltd. |
| Mr. M. Spencer Mayers ...<br>(Barbados)             | Mr. Joshua Baeza.<br>James A. Lynch & Co., Ltd. |
| Mr. Elias Abraham Issa ...<br>(Jamaica)             | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado.    |

*R. Rutherford.*  
*July 17. 1915*

Membership 1876  
Elected 11  
1887

34  
 Meeting of the Executive of the West India  
 Committee held on July 17<sup>th</sup> 1919.

Present Mr. R. Rutherford in the Chair

Mr. G. Gillespie

Mr. C. Sandbach Parker  
 C.B.L.

Sir E. Dawson

Mr. H. F. Prentice

Lt. Col. I. B. Dawson

" G. Moody Stuart

Mr. G. Fawcett

Sir William Trollope Bart.

" G. M. Frame

Mr. G. C. Colseley

" H. Malcolmson

" S. Cameron

" E. L. Marshall

& " Algernon Crespall  
 C.P.G.

" A. McCannell

Secretary.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were  
 confirmed.

The draft New Premises Appeal was considered,  
 amended by the substitution of £20,000 for  
 £10,000 as the figure to be aimed at,  
 and approved.

Correspondence with the Sugar Grading

Committee who forwarded letters of complaint from grocers at their inability to obtain supplies of B. I. Crystallised & Muscovado Sugar, were laid on the table.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Moody Stuart and carried unanimously:

That the attention of the Royal Commission on the Income-tax be drawn to the hardship to which residents in British colonies are subject through being compelled to pay the highest rate of the British income-tax on interest derived from investments in the United Kingdom, irrespective of the amount of their total income, and that they desire strongly to urge upon the Royal Commission on the Income-tax that they will recommend that British residents in His Majesty's Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates may be placed on the same footing in respect of abatements of tax as residents in the United Kingdom, as they were prior to the Finance Act of 1909-10.

Recd letter from Lord Horder dated June 23 regarding the incidence of the Excess Profits Tax in British Guiana. His Lordship pointed out that some delay in adjusting the question of double payment of Excess Profits Tax was due to the death of Mr. H. G. Cameron.

Letter from the French Colonial Minister (July 8) in which it was pointed out that the Customs Tariff in Martinique & Guadeloupe was the same as that prevailing in France.

Letter from Lord Horder (Aug

Reference was made to the breakdown of West Indian Cable Communications & it was stated that the Committee was now in communication with Lord Milner on the subject.

Mr. Sydney J. Yash & Mr. Archibald J. Brooks were appointed Hon. Correspondents in Guadeloupe & St. Lucia respectively.

The following were elected Members of the West India Committee:

| NAME.  | PROPOSERS AND SECONDER.                               |
|--|---|
| Mr. Wills Burleigh Close<br>(British Guiana) | Sir Edward Davson.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.              |
| Mr. A. Louis Vaughan<br>(Trinidad)           | Mr. Thomas Boyd.<br>Mr. David Morrin.                 |
| Mr. Nathan D. Maidman<br>(Nigeria)           | Mr. G. C. May.<br>Mr. Robert Rutherford.              |
| Major A. E. A. Harragin<br>D.S.O. (Trinidad) | Mr. H. F. Previté.<br>Mr. E. L. Marshall.             |
| Lieut.-Col. F. Jenkins,<br>C.M.G. (Barbados) | Mr. Robert Rutherford.<br>Sir William Trollope, Bart. |
| Mr. L. Wallace Thomas<br>(Jamaica)           | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado.          |
| Mr. John Fernandes<br>(British Guiana)       | Mr. L. M. Roach.<br>Mr. J. Pairaudeau.                |
| Mr. H. Eustace de Cambra<br>(British Guiana) | Mr. J. Pairaudeau.<br>Mr. J. J. Rodrigues.            |
| Sir Robert Blair Roden<br>(British Honduras) | Mr. Robert Rutherford.<br>Sir Edward Davson.          |
| Dr. H. Bamford, M.P.S.<br>(British Guiana)   | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. A. McConnell.        |
| Mr. Winston H. Badley<br>(Antigua)           | Mr. A. P. Cowley, M.B.E.<br>Major J. T. Drew.         |

R. Rutherford  
Sept. 19. 1915.

# Membership 1887

Less obituary: 7

struck off: 24

resignations: 2

33

Add Elected:

1854

22

1876

## Minutes of a meeting of the Executive 18.9.19

Present: Mr. G. Rutherford  
 " H. A. Trotter

|                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sir Edward Carson      | Mr. J. H. Scrutton                |
| Mr. G. Gillespie       | " G. Moody Stuart                 |
| Lt-Col. Ivan B. Carson | " E. A. de Pass                   |
| Mr. G. Fawcett B.Sc    | &                                 |
| " A. McConnell         | " Algernon & Crippinall<br>C.M.G. |

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Membership 1887 ; Subscribers 81 ;

Resignations: Messrs. A. & P. G. McBride (now)

Mr. D. C. Thompson (now)

& Sir Edward Gardiner Bart (1920)

Obituary: Mr. G. Middleton Campbell

Mr. S. Bart

E. Hernandez

L. C. Jeffrey Smith

J. O. Ulrich

L. Kortant

S. D. Melville

Struck off (dues for 1918 unpaid)

J. Bastiaans

F. R. J. Bower

S. S. Cambridge

R. C. Lane

F. A. Siddall

H. R. Howe

S. Vassallo

F. B. Lebb

Hen G. Antetune

P. G. K. Isclaile

G. Laughlin

Capt. H. Primrose M.C.

Hen Success Lt

P. C. Peire

C. K. O'Hara

E. H. & Dalrymple

B. C. Cooper

F. B. Bell

L. A. Kent

Seymour Howes

Charles Mercer

A. Bruce



G. H. Hill

C. S. Lalla

The following were elected to Membership of the West India Committee:

| NAME.  | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES.                           |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| Dalton & Co., Ltd. ....<br>(Trinidad)              | Hon. A. H. Wight.<br>Mr. G. F. Huggins, O.B.E.     | Mr. A. Johnston .....                              | Mr. W. Gordon Gordon.<br>Mr. W. Hadden.                                   |
| Mr. F. L. Clarke .....                             | Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Hon. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.     | Mr. J. A. Luckhoo .....                            | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter.                                  |
| The Triumph Sugar Co., Ltd.<br>(British Guiana)    | Hon. A. P. Sherlock.<br>Mr. A. J. McConnell.       | Mr. Abdool Rayman .....                            | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter.                                  |
| The Enmore Estates, Ltd....<br>(British Guiana)    | Hon. A. P. Sherlock.<br>Mr. A. J. McConnell.       | Mr. R. P. Sawh .....                               | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter.                                  |
| Pln. Tuschen de Vrienden,<br>Ltd. (British Guiana) | Hon. A. P. Sherlock.<br>Mr. A. J. McConnell.       | The B.G. Farmers' Confer-<br>ence (British Guiana) | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter.                                  |
| The Ressovenir Estates, Ltd.<br>(British Guiana)   | Hon. A. P. Sherlock.<br>Mr. A. J. McConnell.       | Rev. E. R. O. Robertson ...                        | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter.                                  |
| Mr. D. E. Headley .....                            | Mr. M. P. Camacho.<br>Mr. Parbhu Sawh.             | Capt. G. Disney .....                              | Major J. Disney.<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass.                                    |
| Mr. F. E. Dixon .....                              | Hon. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson. | Mr. P. E. Whiting .....                            | Mr. W. D. Hoare.<br>Mr. E. Paice.   |
| Mr. H. T. Van Laun .....                           | Messrs. Paines & Reid.<br>Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.  | Mr. P. N. Browne, K.C. ....                        | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter.                                  |
| Mr. M. J. de Freitas .....                         | Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Sir Edward Davson.      | The Manager, Perseverance<br>Estate (Trinidad)     | Messrs. Alston, Arbuthnot<br>& Harrisons, Ltd.<br>Mr. P. S. M. Arbuthnot. |
| Mr. W. Wharton, L.R.C.P.,<br>L.R.C.S. (B. Guiana)  | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter.           | 2/Lt. A. G. Eckel .....                            | Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.                          |

Read letter from Lord Milner stating that the Committee's letter of Jan: 1 on the subject of cable communication

Read letter from the Jamaica Imperial Association Aug: 23<sup>d</sup> transmitting the following resolution:

"That, in view of the vital importance of encouraging the growth of agriculture in the West Indies on scientific lines, the Jamaica Imperial Association strongly recommends to His Majesty's Government that there should be a continuance on a liberal scale of the Imperial Grant made to the Imperial Department of Agriculture for the West Indies; that a copy of this resolution should be forwarded to the West India Committee, with a request that they will use every effort to advance the views above indicated."

Ordered that the resolution be laid before the Agricultural College Committee now sitting at the Colonial Office.

A letter from Mr. Edgar Tripp giving a report of a meeting which he attended at the London Chamber of Commerce on August 22, as representative of the West India Committee, to meet Sr. José Rodríguez, Commissioner of Venezuela, was laid on the table. (Aug 25) Ordered that the purport of the letter be published in the Circular and that the cordial thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Tripp for ventilating as he did the question of the 30% duty imposed by Venezuela on imports from the British West Indies.

Mr. de Pass stated that the Jamaica Standing Committee in the morning had decided to represent to the Colonial Office in deputation the desirability of releasing for home consumption a larger amount of rum than that now permitted. Mr. de Pass, Mr. MacCannell

Mr. Man, Mr. E. Morris & the Secretary were  
nominated a deputation accordingly.

Read letter from Sir Robert Lyle Bart dated  
September 12<sup>th</sup> regarding preference in the duty  
on sugar. The Chairman, Sir Edward Dawson and  
Mr. C. Sandbach Parker were appointed a Committee  
to meet Sir Robert at an early date.

R. Rutherford  
Oct. 30. 1915.

Membership 1876

Less obituary 4

struck off -

resignation 1

5  
1871

Add Elected

39  
1910

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the  
West India Committee held on Thursday October 30 1919.

Present Mr. R. Rutherford in the Chair

" H. A. Trotter

|                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mr. G. Gillespie       | Mr. C. Sandbach Parker C. D. E. |
| " C. Algernon Campbell | " J. H. Scrutton                |
| " G. Fawcett B. S.     | " G. A. Golsbey                 |
| " G. M. Frame          | " Algernon Aspinall C. M. E.    |
| " H. Malcolmson        |                                 |
| " E. L. Marshall       |                                 |
| " A. McConnell         |                                 |

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were  
confirmed.

Memberships 1876

Subscribers 77

Resignations: Mr. E. Peice

Mr. J. Foreman (3. 1920)  
Mr. Hart (4. 1920)  
Mr. L. Brack (6. 1920)  
Mr. R. Dixon (6. 1920)

Obituary: Mr. E. H. G. Dalton

" G. S. Hudson

" C. K. Gibbons

" Dudley C. Miles

The following (39) candidates were elected

| NAME.  | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES.  |
|--|---|
| Macdonald, Greenlees & Williams (Distillers), Ltd.       | Mr. Frederick N. Martinez.<br>Sir Frederic Hodgson,<br>K.C.M.G., V.D. |
| Seager, Evans & Co., Ltd....                             | " "   |
| Angostura Bitters, Ltd. ....                             | " "   |
| Messrs. Silva & Cousins ...                              | " "   |
| Bittall & Co., Ltd. ....                                 | " "   |
| Holland & Co., Ltd. ....                                 | " "   |
| W. H. Chaplin & Co., Ltd.                                | " "   |
| A. J. Caley & Son, Ltd. ....                             | " "   |
| Escoffier, Ltd. ....                                     | " "   |
| Anglodol, Ltd. ....                                      | " "   |
| J. B. Brooks & Co., Ltd. ...                             | " "   |
| Henry Heath, Ltd. ....                                   | " "   |
| Frame Food Co., Ltd. ....                                | " "   |
| Barnett Samuel & Sons, Ltd.                              | " "   |
| Wm. Sinclair & Sons, Ltd.                                | " "   |
| Kolok Mfg. Co., Ltd. ....                                | " "   |
| The Risin Sun Polishes, Ltd.                             | " "   |
| Humidine, Ltd. ....                                      | " "   |
| Messrs. F. R. Heale & Son                                | " "   |
| Edward F. Braham, Ltd....                                | " "   |
| Messrs. Henry Wright & Co.                               | " "   |
| Maj.-Gen. Sir Frederick Robb, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O. | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. E. L. Marshall.                             |
| Hon. Burchell Marshall ... (St. Kitts)                   | Mr. E. J. Shelford.<br>Hon. D. H. Semper.                             |
| Mr. C. G. Bushe .....                                    | Mr. N. Scott Johnston.<br>Mr. Wm. Gillespie.                          |
| Mr. A. L. Evelyn .....                                   | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Miss L. Wilkinson.                              |
| Mrs. T. B. Moore Evelyn...                               | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Miss L. Wilkinson.                              |
| Lt.-Col. C. G. Browne .....                              | Jonas Browne & Son.<br>Mr. J. Harding Browne.                         |
| Mr. Allan Warner .....                                   | Mr. E. L. Marshall.<br>Miss Moseley, M.B.E.                           |
| Mr. J. A. Veerasawmy .....                               | Dr. P. E. Giuseppi.<br>Mr. J. A. Luckhoo.                             |
| Mr. W. H. Carden.....                                    | Mr. James Miller.<br>Nathan & Godfrey.                                |
| Lieut. F. C. Fisher .....                                | Mr. H. Henriques.<br>Miss Moseley.                                    |
| Lt.-Colonel H. A. Barclay, C.V.O., T.D., D.L., J.P.      | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. E. L. Marshall.                             |
| Mr. L. C. Inniss .....                                   | Mr. A. Lewis Inniss.<br>Mr. T. Boyd.                                  |
| Dr. C. A. Barber, C.I.E., Sc.D.                          | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. A. Trotter.                              |
| Mr. T. C. Hart .....                                     | Mr. S. Didier.<br>Mr. G. F. Branch.                                   |
| Mr. F. A. de Verteuil .....                              | Sir G. Townsend Fenwick,<br>K.C.M.G.<br>Mr. E. L. Marshall.           |
| Dr. Chas. W. Daly .....                                  | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. E. L. Marshall.                             |
| Mr. Patrick Maingot .....                                | Miss M. Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                         |
| Mr. S. S. Wreford .....                                  | Adam Pearson & Co.<br>Wm. Smith & Co.                                 |

The Chairman an reported interviews with the  
Sugar Refiners Association & the Customs regarding

the arrangements in respect of drawbacks on sugar. The refiners proposals did not commend themselves to the Committee and it was left to the Chairman & Deputy Chairman Mr. C. Sandbach Parker C. B. E., Mr. L. A. de Bass & Sir Edward Taverne to approve a suitable letter for despatch to the Customs on the subject.

Read letter from Lord Innes (Oct 25) to the effect that it was not proposed to lay new cables in the West Indies at the present time; but that the naval wireless stations were to be used for commercial purposes. The Secretary was instructed to see the Manager of the Mascari Co & to ask him if he could make any suggestions for improving the present state of affairs.

THE  
WEST INDIA  
COMMITTEE





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*Established circa 1750. Incorporated by Royal Charter*

*PRESIDENT*

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HAREWOOD, K.C.V.O.

*CHAIRMAN*

ROBERT RUTHERFORD

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H. A. TROTTER

*SECRETARY*

ALGERNON ASPINALL, C.M.G.

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# THE WEST INDIA COMMITTEE

*Established circa 1750. Incorporated by Royal Charter*

15 SEETHING LANE  
LONDON, E.C.3

October, 1919

DEAR SIR,

Now that the work of the Contingent Committee, which has absorbed so much of the time and energy of our staff during the last four years, is drawing to a close, the moment is, we venture to think, opportune for considering the future of the West India Committee.

2. During recent years the scope and also, we believe, the usefulness of the work of the Committee have greatly expanded, and it is our aim to increase them still further.

3. Whilst the war was in progress the Committee dealt successfully with many problems affecting materially the prosperity of the staple industries of the British West Indies, and since the cessation of hostilities effect has been given to the policy of Imperial Preference, the adoption of which they have so consistently advocated for many years.

4. Now that Peace has been signed it is certain that many important matters will call for the attention of the Committee in connection with

the work of reconstruction, and it will be our endeavour to secure continuity of policy in respect of the preferential treatment of West Indian products in the markets of the United Kingdom.

5. In order that this work may be effectively carried out, it is essential that assistance should be found for the Secretary, and that more commodious and convenient premises should be acquired.

6. During the last twenty years the membership of the Committee has increased from 300 to 1,870, and it is no longer within the powers of the Secretary adequately to carry out the policy of the Executive, besides interviewing visitors, compiling and editing the fortnightly Circular, and attending to the hundred and one details of the management of the affairs of the Committee, without further assistance. The need for securing more suitable offices must be obvious to every visitor to the Committee Rooms.

7. In the circumstances it has been decided to raise a Special Fund of at least £20,000 to enable these objects to be carried out.

8. During the past twenty years the West India Committee has raised and actively supported many funds for the direct benefit of the West Indian Colonies, but has never appealed for special contributions for its own organisation. It is hoped, therefore, that this appeal may meet

with a generous response, so that the West India Committee, which is the oldest, but by no means the least active, Colonial body in the United Kingdom, may be placed on a more substantial and satisfactory footing.

9. Contributions may be paid into any branch of the Colonial Bank or Royal Bank of Canada, or may be forwarded direct to the Hon. Treasurers, the West India Committee, 15, Seething Lane, London, E.C.3, and it is proposed to publish the full list of subscribers in the West India Committee Circular from time to time.

Hoping to receive your generous support,

We remain, yours faithfully,

*R. Rutherford.*

*Chairman.*

*H.G. Foster*

*Deputy Chairman.*

*Algernon R. Aspinall*

*Secretary.*

THE  
WEST INDIA COMMITTEE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

SPECIAL FUND

*The following contributions to the above fund have  
already been received*

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Messrs. Booker Bros., McConnell & Co., Ltd.  | £1,000   |
| The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. ..   | £1,000   |
| Ste. Madeleine Sugar Co., Ltd. ..  | £500     |
| Messrs. Curtis, Campbell & Co. ..  | £250     |
| Messrs. Henry K. Davson & Co. ..   | £250     |
| Demerara Co., Ltd., Pln. Leonora, Ltd.,<br>and Messrs. Sandbach, Tinne & Co. . . . | £250     |
| Messrs. Samuel Dobree & Sons ..  | £250     |
| Messrs. Henckell, Du Buisson & Co. ..  | £250     |
| Messrs. Scrutton, Sons & Co. ..  | £250     |
| Messrs. Thomson Hankey & Co. ..  | £250     |
| Pln. Port Mourant, Ltd. ..   | £150     |
| E. A. de Pass, Esq. ..   | £105     |
| G. M. Frame, Esq. ..   | £105     |
| William Gillespie, Esq. ..   | £105     |
| Messrs. Gillespie Bros. & Co. ..   | £105     |
| H. F. Previté, Esq. ..   | £105     |
| Robert Rutherford, Esq. ..   | £105     |
| Messrs. Wilkinson & Gaviller ..  | £105     |
| Antigua Sugar Factory, Ltd. ..   | £100     |
| H. Crum Ewing, Esq. ..   | £100     |
| The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Harewood, K.C.V.O.  | £100     |
| St. Kitts (Basseterre) Sugar Factory, Ltd.   | £100     |
| H. A. Trotter, Esq. ..   | £100     |
| Bendals (Antigua) Sugar Factory, Ltd.  | £25      |
| Messrs. Lee, Spooner & Co. ..  | £25      |
| Sir William Trollope, Bart. ..   | £15      |
| Lieut.-Colonel G. A. O. Lane ..  | £10 10s. |

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THE WEST INDIA COMMITTEE  
15 SEETHING LANE  
LONDON, E.C.3

*I*  
*We* .....

.....  
*enclose the sum of £* .....

*as*  $\frac{\textit{my}}{\textit{our}}$  *donation to the Committee's Special*  
*Fund.*

*Address* .....

.....  
*Date* .....

*Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable*  
*to the West India Committee, and should be crossed*  
*"The Colonial Bank."*

The Secretary,

The West India Committee,

15 Seething Lane,

London, E.C.3

On the motion of the Chairman Mr. Ivan  
R. Campbell was appointed a Member of the  
Executive pursuant to Article VI of the  
Royal Charter.

The New Premises & Committee reported that  
the Appeal issued on October 28<sup>th</sup> had  
brought in £5750, and it was decided to  
proceed with the appointment of an Assistant  
Secretary as soon as a suitable candidate  
could be found.

The Secretary reported the receipt of a Cablegram  
from the Jamaica Imperial Association inviting the  
Committee to support the following resolution

That the Jamaica Imperial Association, representing large numbers of producers, merchants, and others in the island of Jamaica, who are proud of their position as British subjects, protests with all its might against the suggestion of Lord Rothermere that some or any of the British West Indian colonies should be sold to a foreign Power to liquidate a small part of Great Britain's war debt. That this Association is convinced that the increase of production throughout the Empire, and a closer interrelation between its several parts thereof, will result before long in unparalleled prosperity to the Empire as a whole, and will render unnecessary any consideration of the question of parting with any portion of the Empire towards payment of its obligations."

Ordered that the resolution be forwarded to



Lord Milnes with an intimation that the Committee  
were in full accord with the sentiments expressed  
in it.

P. Rutherford

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1815.

Membership: 1910

|          |    |           |
|----------|----|-----------|
| Ordinary | 1  | <u>1</u>  |
|          |    | 1909      |
| Elected  | 15 | <u>15</u> |
|          |    | 1924      |

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of the West  
India Committee 20.11.19.

Present: Mr. R. Rutherford

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Mr. G. Gillespie   | Sir Edward Dawson       |
| " E. A. de Bass    | " William Trollope Bart |
| " H. Crum Ewing    | Mr. G. A. Bolseley      |
| " G. Fawcett       | Captain G. A. O. Lane   |
| " G. M. Frame      | do                      |
| " Evan G. Campbell | Mr. Algernon Aspinall   |
| " Mr. Malcolmson   | C.M.G.,<br>Secretary    |

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were  
read and confirmed.

Membership 1914 ; Subscribers 77

Obituary : Mr. Carl Lieting.

Resignations

Mr. Col C. A. J. Butler (7. 1920)  
Mr. F. G. J. Dean (8 " )  
Miss K. S. C. Ford (9 " )  
Mr. T. H. Bernard (10 " )

The following were elected to membership of  
the West India Committee:

| NAME.                              | PROPOSERS AND SECONDS.   |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Caymanas Estate (Jamaica)          | Mr. H. Crum Ewing.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.   |
| Sir Alexander Freeman King, K.C.B. | The West India & Panama<br>Telegraph Co.<br>Sir Owen Philipps, M.P.,<br>G.C.M.G. |
| Messrs. Hutchison & Pollock, Ltd.  | Mr. Frederick N. Martinez.<br>Sir Frederic Hodgson,<br>K.C.M.G., V.D.            |
| Mr. R. W. Tomlinson                | Mr. H. Crum Ewing.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.   |
| Mr. H. Ralph Mitchell (Grenada)    | Mr. R. M. Otway.<br>Mr. C. F. Renwick.   |

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[The above number and letter should be quoted in any reply, addressed to—

The Secretary,  
Inland Revenue,  
Somerset House,  
London, W.C.,

with the word Taxes  
in the left-hand corner of the envelope.]

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INLAND REVENUE,

SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, W.C.

19th August, 1919

Sir, The West India Committee

With reference to your letter of the 1st instant the Board of Inland Revenue direct me to state that the object of your Association, as defined by the Royal Charter of Incorporation, appears to be a charitable purpose within the meaning of those words as used in the Income Tax Acts, entitling the Association to exemption from Income Tax in respect of income derived from any investments representing the Endowment Fund of the Association.

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No allowance of Income Tax could be granted to subscribers in respect of their voluntary subscriptions to the Association.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Algernon Aspinall, Esq. C.M.G.

*J. Knellgrove*

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| Messrs. J. K. Gulland, Ltd.                            | Mr. J. Rippon, O.B.E.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.                            |
| Messrs. John Tann, Ltd. ...                            | Mr. Frederick N. Martinez.<br>Sir Frederic Hodgson,<br>K.C.M.G., V.D. |
| The British Union Oil Co.Ld.                           | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. G. Macgregor Frame.                         |
| Mr. Herbert G. W. Brinsley,<br>M.C., F.S.I. (Dominica) | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.                            |
| Mr. H. B. Gajraj .....<br>(British Guiana)             | Dr. W. Hewley Wharton.<br>Mr. E. R. Campbell                          |
| Mr. A. S. Rohoman .....<br>(British Guiana)            | Dr. W. Hewley Wharton.<br>Mr. E. R. Campbell                          |
| Mrs. Helen Margaret<br>Tredgold                        | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. G. Eliot Sealy.                             |
| Mr. V. A. Gale .....<br>(Barbados)                     | Mr. W. Boyd.<br>Captain E. Lindsay Arm-<br>strong.                    |
| Mr. Bernard F. King .....                              | Mr. W. A. Wolseley.<br>Mr. E. R. Campbell.                            |
| Hon. Carlos Melhado, C.M.G.<br>(British Honduras)      | Mr. Frederick N. Martinez.<br>Sir Frederic Hodgson,<br>K.C.M.G., V.D. |

The Hon. Treasurers reported the state of the Fund as follows:

£ 8101.0.1 received from seventy-nine con-  
tributors. With the sum of  
out of this total £ 6000 5% War Stock 1929/47  
had been purchased.

Ordered that the Seal of the West India Committee be attached to the necessary document to enable this stock to be inscribed on the books of the Bank of England.

Ordered that the amount of £ 600 5% War Stock 1929/47 held to reserve in Bearer Bonds be transferred to the Endowment Fund and similarly inscribed and earmarked as

on account of life membership subscriptions.

Captain Gilfred Knight was on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. G. Gillespie appointed Assistant Secretary on probation for the period of six months at a salary at the rate of £350 per annum.

Read letters dated November 6<sup>th</sup> from Viscount Milner stating that the Committee's letters of Oct. 17. 18 on the subject of the release of increased quantities of rum for home consumption, and certificates of origin, had been forwarded to the Liquor Control Board and Board of Customs respectively.

Much satisfaction was expressed at the announcement that all restrictions on the clearances of spirits (other than those imposed under the In-structure Spirits (Restriction) Act had now been removed.

Read letter from Messrs. Sandbach, Tinsley & Co November 10 suggesting that in future sellers of rum should demand cash in one month after arrival.

Read letter from Sir Robert Milnes, November 6, stating that a despatch had been received from the Administrator to the effect that it was his intention to maintain the Imperial Road in Demerara as a motor road as far as Highbury; between Highbury and Brantbridge as a fair carting road; and from there onwards to leave the maintenance to be carried out by the estates, assisted by a Government grant.

Read minutes of a meeting of members interested in oil production in the West Indies on November 6. The formation of a Standing Oil Committee was approved.

Read letter from Viscount Milner forwarding copies of cablegrams which he had sent to British Guiana and Jamaica stating emphatically that it was not the intention of H.M. Government to dispose of any of the best Indian colonies. (Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. See Circular 551 of Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>)

The Chairman, Sir Edward Dawson, Mr. G. M. Frame, Mr. L. A. de Pass & Mr. H. Malcolmson were appointed a Committee to discuss with the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply the question of the profitable disposal of best Indian grocery sugars in 1920.

The Secretary was instructed to ask the Board of Agriculture what arrangements were being made for securing supplies of Sulphate of Ammonia for the British Sugar colonies.



It was decided to take up with the Coal  
Controller through the Colonial Office the question  
of the price of coal for export to British  
Colonies.

R. Rutherford  
Dec. 11. 1915.

Membership: 1924  
Elected: 20  

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the West India Committee, 11.12.19.

Present. Mr. R. Rutherford - Chairman  
 Mr. W. Gillespie  
 Sir Ed. Davson  
 Mr. E. H. de Pass  
 "~~H. Duct~~ G.N.V.  
 " G.M. Frame.  
 " N. Malcolmson  
 " H. McConnell  
 " C. Sandbach Parker, C.B.E.  
 " Algernon E. H. Spinall, C.M.G. Secretary  
 Capt. Gifford Knight Asst. Secretary.

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting, held 20.11.19.  
were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

Membership 1928.  
 Subscribers 75.  
 Subscriptions in Arrears 130.

The following candidates were elected to Membership  
of the West India Committee.

| NAME.                    | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mr. H. A. Bligh          | Mr. W. A. Boyd.          |
| (Country)                | Mr. L. Lambert Bell.     |
| Major E. T. Dixon        | Mrs. M. C. Dixon.        |
| (Jamaica)                | Mr. E. A. de Pass.       |
| Mr. H. V. Davis          | Mr. W. A. Boyd.          |
| (London)                 | Mr. L. Lambert Bell.     |
| Mr. F. H. Farquharson    | Mr. W. H. Farquharson.   |
| (Jamaica)                | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.   |
| Mr. John A. Price        | Mr. John McArthur.       |
| (British Honduras)       | Hon. L. R. Grant, M.L.C. |
| Lt.-Col. C. L. Estridge, | Mr. Cyril Gurney.        |
| D.S.O. (Country)         | Mr. H. A. Trotter.       |
| Mr. S. M. Jacobsen       | Mr. E. A. de Pass.       |
| (Jamaica)                | Sir Edward Davson.       |
| Mr. Harold de Mercado    | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.   |
| (Jamaica)                | Mr. L. de Mercado.       |
| Mr. Lionel A. Isaacs     | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.   |
| (Jamaica)                | Mr. L. de Mercado.       |
| Mr. A. W. D. Alexander   | Mr. W. C. de Gale.       |
| (Grenada)                | Mr. G. M. Frame.         |
| H. Bronnley & Co., Ltd.  | Mr. F. N. Martinez.      |
| (London)                 | Sir Frederic Hodgson,    |
|                          | K.C.M.G., V.D.           |
| Messrs. Fox & Co.        | Mr. F. N. Martinez.      |
| (Country)                | Sir Frederic Hodgson,    |
|                          | K.C.M.G., V.D.           |
| Messrs. William Maclean, | Mr. F. N. Martinez.      |
| Sons & Co. (London)      | Sir Frederic Hodgson,    |
|                          | K.C.M.G., V.D.           |

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| Mr. James Banks .....<br>(Country)          | Mr. Frank Evans.<br>Mr. H. S. Cameron.               |
| Mr. Gladwyn Browne .....<br>(Country)       | Messrs. Jonas Browne & Son.<br>Mr. Harding Browne.   |
| Mr. P. R. Veacock .....<br>(British Guiana) | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. W. A. Boyd.         |
| Messrs. Thos. Lawlor & Co.<br>(Country)     | Sir Edward Davson.<br>Mr. G. M. Frame.               |
| Lieut.-Col. H. A. Clifton ...<br>(London)   | Mr. Norman Malcolmson.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.         |
| Major R. Hughes-<br>Chamberlain (Dominica)  | Mr. C. M. Rose.<br>Mr. C. Sandbach Parker,<br>C.B.E. |
| Mr. John Frew .....<br>(St. Lucia)          | Mr. A. P. Skeat.<br>Mr. F. Henry Norton.             |

The Hon. Treasurers reported progress of the  
Endowment Fund as follows: —

Total to date - £ 8,967 - 9s - 6d

War Stock 5% (1929/47) £ 9,000 - 0 - 0 - purchased to date.

Read, the Minutes of a Meeting of the Standing  
Oil Committee held on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Ordered, that a letter be sent to the Secretary of State for  
the Colonies, urging that in respect of incidence of taxation,  
Empire motor-spirit be placed on the same footing as  
Home spirit.

Read, the Minutes of a Meeting of the Dominica  
Proprietors held on December 10<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that  
action be taken in accordance with the wishes expressed therein.

A letter from the Sulphate of Ammonia Association,  
copies of which had been circulated, was laid on the table.  
Ordered, that it be published in the Circular.

The Secretary read the terms of a protest formulated  
by Grenada Merchants against the Excess Profits Duty Ordinance  
in that Island. It was decided to submit the matter to a  
Meeting of Grenada Proprietors.

The Chairman reported the proceedings of an  
Interview between the Grocery West Indian Sugar Sub Committee

and Mr. Runge at Grosvenor Gardens on Wed., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, on the subject of the treatment of West Indian Grocery Sugar after December 27<sup>th</sup>

On the motion of the Chairman, Lieut. Colonel Harry Arthur Clifton and Mr. F. H. Watson were appointed Members of the Executive of the West India Committee, pursuant to Article VI of the Royal Charter of Incorporation.

The Secretary reported the receipt that day of the following <sup>copy</sup> telegram from the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce; -

"Confidential - Labour troubles culminated this week in three day mob rule in Port of Spain. Mob closed down Government warehouses and all business places by force. Authorities unable control situation. Racial feeling running high. Outbreaks occurring in all country districts. Greater trouble inevitable. Urge upon Secretary of State absolute necessity despatch from nearest point at least two Companies white troops. Met expeditiously position extremely grave."

He also stated that Colonial Office had reported on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> that riots had occurred in Port of Spain & Scarborough, that there had been no loss of life in the former, but in the latter the ringleader had been killed, & a few other casualties. The Secretary was authorised to proceed as soon as possible to the Colonial Office, and report all developments to the Executive.

R. Rutherford

Membership

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee  
(Special Meeting) held December 12<sup>th</sup> 1919

Present. Mr R. Rutherford - Chairman  
Sir Edward Dawson  
Mr E. H. de Pass  
Col. H. H. Clifton  
" H. Duckham.  
" H. Crum Ewing.  
" G. M. Frame  
" H. N. Lubbock.  
Major H. F. Prentice  
Mr J. H. Scrutton  
" Moody Stuart.  
" Algernon E. H. Spinal, C.M.G. - Secretary  
Capt. G. N. Knight - Assistant Secretary.

They also attended by invitation, Mr H. Johnson.

This was an Emergency Meeting, convened to consider the position in Trinidad, ~~was~~ and decide on action to be taken.

The Secretary reported he had laid a copy of the Cablegram received from the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce on the 11<sup>th</sup> Dec., before the Principal Clerk at the West Indian section of the Colonial Office, with the statement that it had the fullest support of the West India Committee.

Following a discussion, it was decided to send the following cablegrams to the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce

1. direct - "Gravity situation appreciated Committee acting accordance your wishes - H. Spinal"
2. via Colonial Office - "Proprietors here consulted favour employers conferring with Governor as to satisfying demands of labour when really reasonable"

The Chairman announced that he also in his personal capacity proposed to send the following cablegram to the Hon. G. Laurie Pih, Barbados, ~~and~~ - "Trinidad disturbances causing grave anxiety. From private information received we consider it very desirable to anticipate similar trouble Barbados by increasing wages generally otherwise Government may insist if strikes break out."

The following Candidates were elected to membership of the West Indian Committee.

|                         |       |                             |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. J. L. K. Pedder     | ..... | Mr. R. Challenor.           |
| (Barbados)              |       | Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.        |
| Mr. Bernard Oppenheimer |       | Messrs. J. K. Gulland, Ltd. |
|                         |       | Mr. A. Hirsch.              |
| Mr. A. R. C. Mallet     | ..... | Hon. Geo. Williams.         |
| (St. Lucia)             |       | Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.    |
| Mr. George Challenor    | ..... | Mr. R. Challenor.           |
| (Barbados)              |       | Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.        |

R. Rutherford



|   |               |                             |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Membership  | 1948          |                             |
| <del>less resignations as from December 31<sup>st</sup></del> | <del>10</del> | (G.H. K. next<br>executive) |
|   | <u>1948</u>   |                             |
| add Elected   | 19            |                             |
|   | <u>1967</u>   |                             |
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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Membership                        | 1948        |
| less resignations as from Dec. 31 | <u>10</u>   |
|                                   | 1938        |
| add Elected                       | <u>19</u>   |
|                                   | <u>1957</u> |

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the West India Committee, held 8<sup>th</sup> January 1920.

Present. Mr. R. Rutherford - Chairman  
" W. Gillespie  
" E. R. Campbell  
Lt. Col. H. H. Clifton  
Sir Edward Davson  
Mr. H. Duckham  
" W. Fawcett  
" G. M. Frame  
Capt. G. H. O. Lane  
Mr. N. Malcolmson  
" E. L. Marshall  
" C. Sandbach Parker, C.B.E.  
" H. F. Prehite  
" J. H. Scrutton  
Sir William Trollope, Bart.  
Mr. F. H. Watson.  
Mr. H. E. Aspinall, C.M.G. - Secretary  
Capt. G. N. Knight - Asst. Secretary

The Minutes of Meetings held on December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> were confirmed. Hon. Treasurer reported 

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| { | Members           | 1938 |
|   | Subscribers       | 78   |
|   | In Arrears (1919) | 95   |

  
The following Candidates were elected  
Members of the West Indian Committee.

| NAME.   | PROPOSERS AND SECONDS.                             |
|---|--|
| Mr. C. H. Bagot<br>(British Guiana)               | Lt.-Col. I. B. Davson, O.B.E.<br>Mr. C. B. Sayles. |
| Mr. R. A. Farmer<br>(Barbados)                    | Dr. C. E. Gooding, M.D.<br>Mr. E. L. Skeete.       |
| Hon. E. G. Woolford<br>(British Guiana)           | Mr. W. A. Boyd.<br>Sir Edward Davson.              |
| Mr. Percy Shelley Bysshe<br>(Jamaica)             | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado.       |
| Mr. J. F. Clarke<br>(Barbados)                    | Dr. C. E. Gooding.<br>Mr. E. L. Skeete.            |
| Mr. D. I. Scard<br>(Country)                      | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
| Messrs. J. L. Morrison, Son<br>& Jones (London)   | Mr. F. N. Martinez.<br>Sir F. Hodgson, K.C.M.G.    |
| The West End Landowners'<br>Association (Jamaica) | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado.       |
| Mr. H. R. Milliner<br>(Jamaica)                   | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado.       |

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|---|--|
| Mr. F. W. Biddle, J.P. ....<br>(British Honduras) | Lt.-Col. James Cran, O.B.E.,<br>V.D.<br>Hon. L. R. Grant, M.L.C. |
| Mr. O. R. Bennett .....<br>(British Guiana)       | Mr. W. A. Boyd.<br>Mr. E. R. Campbell.                           |
| Hon. A. B. Brown .....<br>(British Guiana)        | Mr. W. A. Boyd.<br>Mr. C. S. Parker, C.B.E.                      |
| Mr. A. R. Morrison .....<br>(British Guiana)      | Mr. D. Morris Skinner.<br>Mr. James Kirkness.                    |
| Mr. G. A. McKinstry .....<br>(Barbados)           | Mr. F. A. C. Collymore,<br>O.B.E.<br>Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.        |
| Mr. F. F. Ross .....<br>(British Guiana)          | Mr. A. J. McConnell.<br>Mr. C. S. Parker, C.B.E.                 |
| Mr. F. H. Watson .....<br>(London)                | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. E. L. Marshall.                        |
| Edward Billington & Son,<br>Ltd. (Country)        | Mr. J. E. Tinne.<br>Mr. E. S. Parker.                            |
| Dr. S. B. Jones .....<br>(Anguilla)               | Mr. D. H. Semper.<br>Mr. Clement Malone.                         |
| Mr. D. Elliott Alves .....<br>(Country)           | Sir Edward Davson.<br>Mr. C. S. Parker, C.B.E.                   |

Correspondence with the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply was laid on the table, and the arrangements made for sale of Grocery West Indian, Muscovado and Grocery Syrup Sugar in the United Kingdom, as outlined in the Commission's letter of December 12<sup>th</sup>, amended by that of December 20<sup>th</sup>, was approved.

The dispatch of a letter to the Colonial Office on December 31<sup>st</sup>, soliciting assistance towards shipping Trinidad oil in view of the difficulty of obtaining tank steamers, was approved, and it was decided to write a further letter to the Colonial Office, pointing out that since representations were made, the rate for chartering tank steamers had now risen to 240/- per ton.

Read letters from Trinidad Chamber of Commerce dated December 9<sup>th</sup>, and from Colonial Office dated Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding the Trinidad disturbances.

Also, extracts from a letter received by Mr. E. H. de Pass from his correspondent in Jamaica, indicating that representations would be made <sup>thru</sup> the Jamaica Imperial Association to raise wages to a figure

commensurate with the cost of living, and satisfaction was expressed by ~~Mr de Pass~~ <sup>C.M.C.</sup> at the steps Mr de Pass had taken in the matter.

Read letter from the Port of London Authority, dated December 15<sup>th</sup>, stating that it was proposed to accept allowances for losses of rum in accordance with the Customs scale, though responsibility could not be taken for other than good pound casks which did not include packages made of chestnut. Ordered that a copy be sent to Members interested.

Decided to write to the Port of London Authority, and also to the Customs, urging that steps might be taken to ensure more expeditious delivery of warrants.

Reported that a deputation, comprising the Chairman, the Secretaries and Mr Woodhouse, waited upon Mr Behrens, Commissioner of Customs on Jan<sup>y</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> regarding certificates of age for foreign rum, which were regarded as inadequate. It was felt that the transfer of the onus of proving age to the Cuban Revenue authorities would not adequately meet the case.

Satisfaction was expressed at the position of the Endowment Fund, which was stated to be as follows.

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| Total of Fund to date | £10,181                      | 10s. | 6d. |
| Still required        | £9,818                       | 9s.  | 6d. |
|                       | <hr/>                        |      |     |
|                       | £20,000                      | 0s.  | 0d. |
|                       | <hr/>                        |      |     |
| Purchased to date     | £16,000 War Stock 5% 1929/47 |      |     |

The forthcoming visit of the Secretary to the West Indies was approved, and it was left to the Hon. Treasurers to make the necessary financial arrangements. Mr. Preville was authorised to represent the Committee at the forthcoming meeting of the West Indian Associated Chamber of Commerce, also the Secretary if he could reach Barbados in time.

Ordered that the following letter from Hon. Harcourt Malcolm be recorded in the Minutes:—

December 9th, 1919.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to forward to you herewith a London draft for £52 10s., which represents the amount appropriated by the House of Assembly of the Bahamas last evening as a contribution to your special fund as a mark of appreciation of the services of your Committee both to the colony and to the members of the various Bahamas Contingents on active war service.

I have the honour, &c.,  
HARCOURT MALCOLM,  
Speaker.

The Secretary reported he had communicated to British Guiana proprietors all information received from the British Guiana deputation in India, whose representations were being favourably received.

Decided to ask Colonial Office whether arrangements had been made for despatch of Mr. Doorly and Mr. Hill, as requested by the delegates.

Resolved, that the West India Committee, Incorporated, would be willing to agree to the transfer to it of the functions of the West India Contingent Committee, the unexpended balance standing to the credit of that Committee and of the outstanding liabilities on September 30<sup>th</sup> 1919; such balances to be held in trust for expenditure on the objects for which the Contingent Committee was formed; it

being a condition of such transfer that any balance remaining after the completion of the work be remitted to the Governors of the several West Indian Colonies in proportion as each of these Colonies contributed men to the Contingent; such money to be used for the benefit of repatriated soldiers and sailors in need of assistance.

Mr. Watson raised the question of local control of sugar prices and export in Trinidad; and it was decided to investigate the matter with a view to ascertaining when the control would be terminated.

Mr. E. F. Campbell complained that the Cable authorities in British Guiana had refused to route a message from that Colony via Marconi, and the Secretary was instructed to ascertain why this was the case, having regard to the fact that messages from the United Kingdom had been so routed

R. Rutherford.  
February 5. 1915.

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| Membership:  | 6     |      |
|  | 1957  |      |
| less resignations ( <del>Dec 31<sup>st</sup></del> ) | 10    |      |
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|  | 1947  |      |
|  | 5     |      |
| less obituary (5)                                    |       |      |
| struck off (1)                                       | 6     |      |
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|  | 1941  | 1941 |
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| add elected  | 15    |      |
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|  | 1956  | 1956 |
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the West India Committee, held February 5<sup>th</sup> 1920

Present: Mr. R. Rutherford — Chairman

Mr. W. Gillespie  
" E. R. Campbell  
Lt. Col. H. H. Clifton  
Mr. E. H. de Pass  
" W. Fawcett  
" G. M. Frame.

Col. G. H. O. Lane  
Mr. H. McConnell  
" C. Sandbach Parker, C.B.E.  
" H. F. Previté  
Sir William Trollope  
Mr. W. H. Wolsley  
& Capt. G. N. Knight, — Asst. Secretary

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:—

Membership, 1957. Subscribers, 76.  
Subscriptions in arrears (1919), 80.  
Resignations, 10. (as from December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1919)  
Mr. F. M. Ellis Messrs. H. Moore & Co.  
" K. D. Andrews Mr. C. E. Drayton  
" R. T. Hinckes Captain Ian McQ. Frame  
" E. G. Saunders Mr. E. D'Acde  
Lt. Col. H. R. Davis. Mr. C. H. Ward.

Obituary, 5

Mr. G. E. Jarvis Mr. H. N. Dixon  
Lieut. C. Forte Cavé " D. B. Callaghan.

Struck Off, 1, Miss C. Leacock, Messrs. Dalgleish & Co.  
The following candidates were admitted  
to membership of the West India Committee (15)

| NAME.  | PROPOSERS AND SECONDER.                            |
|--|--|
| Hon. Gideon Murray, M.P.<br>(London)         | Mr. C. Sandbach Parker,<br>C.B.E.                  |
| Messrs. H. H. Hancock &<br>Co. (London)      | Mr. R. Rutherford.                                 |
| Mr. A. Azeez Rohoman ...<br>(British Guiana) | Messrs. E. D. & F. Man.<br>Messrs. Carey & Browne. |
|  | Mr. A. S. Rohoman.                                 |
|  | Mr. H. B. Gajraj.                                  |



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| Mr. G. D. Smoker ...<br>(Trinidad)             | Mr. J. W. McInroy.<br>Mr. R. A. Torrance.                 |
| Mr. K. J. S. Harris ...<br>(British Guiana)    | Mr. N. J. A. Bascom.<br>Hon. A. P. Sherlock.              |
| Mr. William G. Watson ...<br>(Barbados)        | Mr. D. Morris Skinner.<br>Mr. C. M. Manning.              |
| Mr. C. E. Duroty ...<br>(Trinidad)             | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.           |
| Mr. James Crabtree, M.Sc.,<br>F.I.C. (Country) | Mr. C. Sandbach Parker,<br>C.B.E.<br>Mr. A. J. McConnell. |
| Messrs. Rome & Tilman ...<br>(Country)         | Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                  |
| Mr. F. C. Highfield ...<br>(Antigua)           | Mrs. E. H. Shorey.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.                   |
| Mr. A. E. Roberts ...<br>(Country)             | Henry Head & Co., Ltd.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.               |
| Mr. H. W. C. Annable ...<br>(Country)          | Henry Head & Co., Ltd.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.               |
| Dr. H. M. Hanschell,<br>M.R.C.S. (London)      | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass.                  |
| Mr. W. S. Le Grand,<br>F.R.G.S. (Jamaica)      | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.                   |
| Mr. Lewis M. Ommanney<br>(London)              | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Sir Wm. Trollope, Bart.             |

The total of the Endowment Fund was reported to be £10,419-8-11d. Purchased to date £11,000 War Stock 5% 1929/47.

A meeting of the Grocery Sugar Sub Committee held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> was reported, & a letter from the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply, dated January 28<sup>th</sup> was read, stating that the proposed two standards of West Indian crystallised, could not be dispensed with. Agreed to take no further action.

Read letters addressed to the Port of London Authority and the Board of Customs, urging expedition in the delivery of dock warrants for Rum. The Acting Secretary was authorised to ascertain whether buyers would be willing to accept warrants endorsed "said to contain" etc.

On the motion of Mr. Evan Campbell, the Acting Secretary was instructed to take steps to find out whether the Government <sup>C.O.F.</sup> age limit for Rum is to be altered to 2 years from the date of distillation.

Letters from Dr Numan and Mr Greenwood, undated & dated January 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively, were read, describing the progress of the British Guiana Colonisation Scheme in India. Decided to await Mr Greenwood's arrival, before taking further action.

The Chairman announced that he, Mr McConnell, Mr Evan Campbell & the Acting Secretary had waited upon the Coal Export Controller, in view of the embargo placed on the shipping of coal from Glasgow. Decided to write to Mr Prentice, inquiring in the event of it being found feasible for West Indian proprietors to use other kinds of coal, he would be willing to ship these from Cardiff, Swansea or other ports as opportunity offered.

The Chairman reported that Mr Workers, the Chairman of the Grading Committee, West India Grocery Sugars, and two other members of that Committee had approached him with regard to their being paid Brokerage on the additional price to be paid to the Importers of West India grocery sugars by the Royal Commission. Agreed to this request, such brokerage to be kept distinct from that paid on the price received from the buyers

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Cyril Gurney

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| Membership        |          | 1956        |
| less Resignations |          | <u>4</u>    |
|                   |          | 1952        |
| less Obituary     | 8        |             |
| Struck off        | <u>2</u> |             |
|                   |          | <u>10</u>   |
|                   |          | 1942        |
| add Elected       |          | <u>28</u>   |
|                   |          | <u>1980</u> |

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the  
West India Committee, held March 11<sup>th</sup> 1920.

Present - Mr C. Gurney in the Chair  
Mr Evan Campbell  
Lt. Col. H. H. Clifton  
" " I. B. Dawson, O.B.E.  
Mr E. H. de Pass.  
" W. Fawcett  
" G. M. Frame.  
" T. Greenwood.  
" H. McConnell  
" W. H. Wolsley  
Capt. Gilfred N. Knight, Acting Secretary

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held Feb<sup>ry</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

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| Membership, 1920.                 | Subscribers, 77.                   |
| Resignations,                     | Executives of E. Pogson (Deceased) |
|                                   | Mr H. C. Billings                  |
|                                   | Mr J. G. Mahon                     |
|                                   | Mr E. E. Melville.                 |
| Obituary,                         | Mr H. H. Rich                      |
|                                   | Hon. Mr. H. W. Mahaffy             |
|                                   | Mr H. R. G. Hunter                 |
|                                   | Mr Edward Estridge                 |
|                                   | Mr C. W. Scott                     |
|                                   | Mr J. Cunningham.                  |
|                                   | Dr H. L. Clare                     |
|                                   | Mr P. Haughton James               |
| Struck Off,                       | Mrs Borell.                        |
| Subscriptions in arrears (1919) - | Mr Marshall Greig.                 |
|                                   | 67.                                |

The following candidates were admitted to membership of the West India Committee (28):-

| NAME.  | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES.                               |
|--|--|
| Mr. G. Laffitte<br>(St. Lucia)   | ... Mr. Archibald J. Brooks<br>Mr. C. Gurney.          |
| Mr. V. C. Hanschell...<br>(Barbados)                                   | ... Mr. V. Hanschell.<br>Mr. G. Moody Stuart.          |
| Mr. A. J. Hanschell<br>(Barbados)                                      | ... Mr. V. Hanschell.<br>Mr. G. Moody Stuart.          |
| Rev. W. Lipscomb Orpwood...<br>(London)                                | ... Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. C. Gurney.               |
| Mr. F. W. Ashpittel ...<br>(Jersey)                                    | ... Mr. J. Herbert Scrutton<br>Mr. A. McConnell.       |
| Dr. A. E. Wynter, M.D.,<br>M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,<br>F.R.Med.S., F.R.C.I. | Lieut.-Col. H. A. Clifton.<br>Mr. T. Greenwood.        |
| Mr. V. D. Rowe ...<br>(Jamaica)  | ... Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. W. Baggett Gray.         |
| Mr. C. C. Calder ...<br>(Jamaica)                                      | ... Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. W. Baggett Gray.         |
| Mr. H. L. Lake ...<br>(Nevis)  | ... Mr. P. G. Greaves.<br>Mr. E. Williams.             |
| Mr. G. W. Jeffers ...<br>(Nevis)                                       | ... Mr. E. Williams.<br>Mr. P. G. Greaves.             |
| Mr. W. M. Morton ...<br>(Nevis)  | ... Mr. E. Williams.<br>Mr. P. G. Greaves.             |
| Sir Ernest Bickham Sweet-<br>Escott, K.C.M.G.                          | Mr. C. Gurney.<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass.                   |
| Mr. A. Munro ...<br>(London)   | ... Mr. W. A. Boyd.<br>Mr. J. A. Luckhoo.              |
| Miss Madeline Brathwaite...  | Mr. L. H. Miller.<br>Mr. F. J. Morris.                 |
| Mr. C. Packer ...<br>(Barbados)  | ... Mr. J. Connell.<br>Mr. J. J. Law.                  |
| Mr. H. S. Hutson ...<br>(Barbados)                                     | ... Mr. J. Connell.<br>Mr. J. J. Law.                  |
| Mr. Arthur Balderamos ...<br>(British Honduras)                        | ... Hon. A. R. Usher.<br>Mr. J. J. Franco.             |
| Mr. B. W. Boyd ...<br>(Jamaica)  | ... Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.       |
| Dr. J. W. N. Hudson<br>(Jamaica)                                       | ... Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.       |
| Mr. Frank E. Lyons<br>(Jamaica)  | ... Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.       |
| Hon. Guy S. Ewen<br>(Jamaica)  | ... Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.            |
| Mr. W. C. Clauzel ...<br>(St. Lucia)                                   | ... Mr. S. Clauzel.<br>Mr. C. Jongue.                  |
| Mr. J. L. M. Perez ...<br>(Trinidad)                                   | ... Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Dr. J. A. Perez.               |
| Mr. A. H. Mole ...<br>(Bombay)   | ... Mr. R. R. Mole.<br>Mr. T. Greenwood.               |
| Major T. G. Tulloch<br>(London)  | ... Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado.       |
| Mr. R. H. Cendrecourt ...<br>(British Guiana)                          | ... Dr. W. Hewley Wharton.<br>Rev. E. R. O. Robertson. |
| Mr. A. L. Verley ...<br>(Jamaica)                                      | ... Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado.       |
| Mr. C. F. Barrow ...<br>(British Guiana)                               | ... Dr. W. Hewley Wharton.<br>Hon. A. P. Sherlock.     |

The total of the Endowment Fund was reported to be £11,442-13-3d. Purchased to date £12,000 War Stock 5% 1929/47.

The Acting Secretary was authorised to write to the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply, calling attention to the difficulties of disposing of West Indian groceries and Muscovados, and asking whether in the circumstances, their export would be sanctioned.

A letter was read from the <sup>G.O.P.</sup> ~~Act~~ Imperial Antarctic Expedition, asking for the help towards the provision of cane-sugar. Decided, No collective action

could be taken.

In view of letter from Colonial Office dated March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr McConnell, Col. Dawson and Mr Evan Campbell agreed to interview the Officer recommended under the Training Scheme.

The following were appointed to represent the Committee at a meeting of the West India Sub-Committee of the Imperial Communications Committee at the Colonial Office on March 18<sup>th</sup>:—  
Mr. E. H. de Pass; Col. Ivan Dawson; Mr G. M. Frame; and the Acting Secretary.

The following letter from the Colonial Office, was read, with reference to the facilities asked for by the Committee for shipping Trinidad Oil:—

Downing-street.

March 9th, 1920.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 28th January, and to previous correspondence regarding the provision of shipping facilities for Trinidad oil, I am directed to inform you that it is understood that all the companies operating in the colony which are in a position to produce oil have now been able to make satisfactory arrangements for its shipment.

I am to inquire whether there are any particular firms which are still seriously affected by the high rates of charter for tank steamers.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. GRINDLE.

The Assistant Secretary,  
West India Committee.

Mr T. Greenwood briefly summarized the results of the Colonisation Deputation's visit to India, and stated that he had in hand a full report which he would present to the Executive.

On the motion of Mr Cyril Gurney, seconded by Mr H. J. McConnell, the following resolution was passed unanimously

"That the Executive of the West India Committee desire to place on record the deep regret with which they have learnt of the death of Mr. William Henry Alty, for many years one of their colleagues, and to convey to Mrs. Alty their expression of sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the loss which she has sustained."

R. Rutherford

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Obituary 2

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the West  
India Committee held April 15<sup>th</sup> 1920.

Present: Mr. R. Rutherford: Chairman.  
" W. Gillespie  
" W. Fawcett  
" T. Greenwood.  
" H. Macdonnell  
" J. H. Scrutton  
Sir William Trollope  
Mr. F. H. Watson.  
Captain Gilfred N. Knight, Assistant Secy

The Minutes of the last Meeting held  
March 11<sup>th</sup> were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

Membership, 1920.

Subscribers, 79.

Subscriptions in arrears (1919)

54.

Resignations (6):

Mr. Henry J. Wenham. (~~1921~~<sup>2</sup>)  
Very Rev. Father L. Tapon (1920)  
Messrs. Gloag & Somers "  
Mr. F. J. Sherman "  
" J. W. Francis "  
" E. H. Clarke "  
" R. J. M. Lewis. "

Obituary (2) Mr. W. H. Alty. Mr. J. Miller Lash.

The following candidates were admitted  
to Membership (84)

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| Mr. H. A. Lake ... ..       | Mr. A. W. Farquharson. |
| (Jamaica)                   | Mr. L. de Mercado.     |
| Mr. C. H. A. Iver ... ..    | Mr. A. W. Farquharson. |
| (Jamaica)                   | Mr. L. de Mercado.     |
| Lord Castlemaine ... ..     | Mr. A. W. Farquharson. |
|                             | Mr. L. de Mercado.     |
| Mr. F. J. Shand ... ..      | Mr. A. W. Farquharson. |
|                             | Mr. L. de Mercado.     |
| Capt. J. E. A. Crawford ... | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| (Barbados)                  | Mr. W. Gillespie.      |
| Mr. A. H. Hill ... ..       | Mr. Evan Campbell.     |
| (British Guiana)            | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| Mr. R. C. R. Shand ... ..   | Mr. G. MacG. Frame.    |
| (Trinidad)                  | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| His Honour Mr. Justice W.   | Mr. H. F. Previté.     |
| P. Michelin (St. Kitts)     | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| Hon. F. H. Watkins, I.S.O.  | Mr. H. F. Previté.     |
| (Antigua)                   | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |

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| Mr. A. S. Davis ... ..                          | Mr. H. F. Previté.     |
| (St. Kitts)                                     | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| Mr. A. Moure Losada ...                         | Mr. H. F. Previté.     |
| (St. Kitts)                                     | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| Mr. J. A. Uddenberg ...                         | Mr. H. F. Previté.     |
| (St. Kitts)                                     | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| Mr. J. Farara ... ..                            | Mr. H. F. Previté.     |
| (St. Kitts)                                     | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| Mr. J. K. French ... ..                         | Mr. H. F. Previté.     |
| (St. Kitts)                                     | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| Mr. E. Pereira ... ..                           | Mr. H. F. Previté.     |
| (St. Kitts)                                     | Mr. R. Rutherford.     |
| Hon. Frank H. Keefer, Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E. | Mr. H. Jason Jones.    |
| K.C., M.P. (Canada)                             |                        |
| Mr. E. A. Donelan ... ..                        | Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.   |
| (Grenada)                                       | Mr. J. Elliott Sprott. |
| Hon W. V. De Gazon ...                          | Mr. J. Elliott Sprott. |
| (St. Lucia)                                     | Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.   |



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| Mr. C. C. George ... ..<br>(Trinidad)                               | Mr. H. F. Previté.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.        | Mr. G. C. Wyatt ... ..<br>(Trinidad)           | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. J. W. McCarthy.           |
| Mr. J. H. Wenham ... ..   | Mr. C. Gurney.<br>Mr. T. Du Buisson.            | Mr. H. A. de Freitas ... ..<br>(Trinidad)      | Mr. J. W. McCarthy.<br>Mr. H. I. Jeffers.         |
| Rev. Father W. E. Dugast...<br>(St. Lucia)                          | Mr. W. Gillespie.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.         | Mr. C. H. Pierre ... ..<br>(Trinidad)          | Mr. J. W. McCarthy.<br>Mr. H. I. Jeffers.         |
| Mr. C. C. Mahon ... ..<br>(Barbados)                                | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. Harold Wright.        | Mr. L. F. ... ..<br>(Trinidad)                 | Mr. J. W. McCarthy.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.           |
| Mr. E. J. Seignoret ... ..<br>(Dominica)                            | Mr. S. L. V. Green.<br>Mr. W. C. Winston.       | Mr. C. L. W. Fleming ... ..<br>(Trinidad)      | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. H. Warner.                |
| M. A. K. Petrie Hay ... ..  | Mr. N. Scott Johnston.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.     | Mr. C. W. Fleming ... ..<br>(Trinidad)         | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. H. Warner.                |
| Mr. A. E. Mackie ... ..<br>(Antigua)                                | Mr. H. H. Hart.<br>Mr. C. B. Sayles.            | Mr. D. Mahibir ... ..<br>(Trinidad)            | Mr. H. Warner.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.                |
| Mr. F. T. Ince ... ..<br>(Barbados)                                 | Mr. G. H. Arthur.<br>Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.  | Mr. S. F. Lawrason ... ..<br>(Canada)          | Mr. T. Boyd.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.                  |
| Hon. J. S. Rae ... ..<br>(St. Vincent)                              | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté. | Mr. A. T. Skeete ... ..<br>(Barbados)          | Mr. H. F. Previté.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.            |
| Mr. E. P. Boyce ... ..<br>(Barbados)                                | Mr. H. F. Previté.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.        | Mr. F. W. Greaves ... ..<br>(Barbados)         | Mr. H. F. Previté.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.            |
| Mr. M. Gonsalves ... ..<br>(British Guiana)                         | Mr. H. F. Previté.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.        | Mr. J. B. Traverso ... ..<br>(Trinidad)        | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Hon. Adam Smith, C.M.G.       |
| Mr. A. E. Taggart ... ..<br>(Barbados)                              | Mr. C. W. Haynes.<br>Mr. L. T. Yearwood.        | Mr. H. Govia ... ..<br>(Trinidad)              | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Hon. Adam Smith, C.M.G.       |
| Mr. P. S. Wood ... ..<br>(British Honduras)                         | Hon. Donald McDonald.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.     | Mr. F. Herrera ... ..<br>(Trinidad)            | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.           |
| Mr. C. G. Harris ... ..<br>(Dominica)                               | Mr. J. Elliott Sprott.<br>Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.  | Mr. George Grell ... ..<br>(Trinidad)          | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. M. Hamel-Smith.           |
| Mr. R. B. Skeete ... ..<br>(Barbados)                               | Mr. G. H. Arthur.<br>Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.  | Mr. Charles Netinho ... ..<br>(Trinidad)       | Mr. F. E. Scott.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.              |
| Dr. F. F. Manning ... ..<br>(Barbados)                              | Mr. C. W. Haynes.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.         | Mr. C. R. Smith ... ..<br>(Trinidad)           | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Hon. Adam Smith, C.M.G.       |
| Mr. H. D. Manning ... ..<br>(Barbados)                              | Mr. C. W. Haynes.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.         | Mr. A. H. Hamlyn ... ..<br>(Trinidad)          | Mr. A. J. Hamlyn.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.             |
| Mr. H. Inmiss ... ..<br>(Barbados)                                  | Mr. C. W. Haynes.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.         | Mr. Paul Dumoret ... ..<br>(Trinidad)          | Hon. Adam Smith, C.M.G.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.       |
| Messrs. Plantations, Ltd....<br>(Barbados)                          | Mr. C. W. Haynes.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.         | Mr. J. R. Hing King ... ..<br>(Trinidad)       | Hon. Adam Smith, C.M.G.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.       |
| Mr. C. C. Cave ... ..<br>(Barbados)                                 | Mr. C. W. Haynes.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.         | Mr. G. R. Wright ... ..<br>(Trinidad)          | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Hon. Adam Smith, C.M.G.       |
| Mr. J. Gill ... ..<br>(Barbados)                                    | Mr. C. W. Haynes.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.         | Mr. J. E. Barcant ... ..<br>(Trinidad)         | Hon. Adam Smith, C.M.G.<br>Mr. J. W. McCarthy.    |
| Mr. N. Leacock ... ..<br>(Barbados)                                 | Mr. C. W. Haynes.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.         | Mr. H. Pampellonne ... ..<br>(Trinidad)        | Mr. J. W. McCarthy.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.           |
| Pusey Hall Estate (Execu-<br>tors of Mr. D. B. Callaghan) (Jamaica) | Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.        | Mr. C. O. Waterman ... ..<br>(Trinidad)        | Mr. J. W. McCarthy.<br>Mr. A. Waterman.           |
| Mr. R. Parris ... ..<br>(Barbados)                                  | Mr. A. O. Skimmer.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.        | Mr. F. M. Goodwin ... ..<br>(Trinidad)         | Mr. J. W. McCarthy<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.            |
| Mr. Henry H. Baird ... ..<br>(Barbados)                             | Mr. H. B. G. Austin.<br>Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.    | Mr. W. H. Mills ... ..<br>(Trinidad)           | Mr. H. Warner.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.                |
| Mr. W. W. Nurse ... ..<br>(Barbados)                                | Mr. H. B. G. Austin.<br>Mr. H. Jason Jones.     | Mr. J. E. Scheult ... ..<br>(Trinidad)         | Mr. T. O'Connor.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.              |
| Mr. A. J. Pavitt ... ..<br>(Trinidad)                               | Mr. H. B. G. Austin.<br>Sir Edward Davson.      | Mr. H. C. Bernard ... ..<br>(Trinidad)         | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. H. Warner.                |
| Mr. M. B. Connell ... ..<br>(Barbados)                              | Mr. C. W. Haynes.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.         | Mr. W. S. Ramdeholl ... ..<br>(British Guiana) | Mr. H. B. Gajraj.<br>Mr. A. S. Rohoman.           |
| Mr. H. W. Loftly ... ..<br>(Barbados)                               | Mr. H. B. G. Austin.<br>Mr. H. Jason Jones.     | Mr. Fred G. Grant ... ..<br>(Trinidad)         | Mr. G. MacG. Frame.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.         |
| Mr. A. V. Fisher ... ..<br>(Jamaica)                                | Mr. F. C. Fisher.<br>Mr. Harold Henriques.      | Mr. W. H. Yearwood ... ..<br>(Barbados)        | Mr. H. Graham Yearwood.<br>Dr. E. Graham Pilgrim. |
| Mr. R. A. Morris ... ..<br>(Jamaica)                                | Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.    | Miss F. A. Forsyth ... ..<br>(British Guiana)  | Hon. A. P. Sherlock.<br>Hon. J. B. Cassels.       |
| The West India Electric Co.<br>Ltd. (Jamaica)                       | Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.    | Mr. M. M. Nock ... ..<br>(Trinidad)            | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. W. G. Freeman.   |
| Mr. R. Frith ... ..<br>(Canada)                                     | Mr. T. Geddes Grant.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.        | Mr. E. A. Newsam ... ..<br>(Barbados)          | Mr. W. A. Boyd<br>Mr. V. A. Gale.                 |

The total of the Endowment  
Fund was reported to be £11,666-13-5d.  
Purchased to date £12,000 War Stock 5% 1929/47.

Decided to ask the following gentlemen to undertake the duties of Hon: Correspondents in the islands stated.

St. Kitts: (additional):— Mr. H. S. Davis  
 St. Croix:— Mrs Longfield Smith, B. Sc., Ph.D.

A cablegram was read from Mr Edgar Tripp, stating that Trinidad offered £50,000 towards the establishment of the Tropical Agricultural College.

Resolved unanimously to send the following to Viscount Milner:—

"That, in view of the great number of Indian colonists already in British Guiana, and of the favourable chances of an early resumption of Indian immigration into that colony, this meeting of the Executive of the West India Committee believes that it will prove of the utmost Imperial importance for His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to have visited British Guiana before the tour he intends to make to India, and accordingly they strongly urge that His Royal Highness be respectfully invited to pay a visit to British Guiana in the course of his homeward journey from the Antipodes in the autumn."

On the motion of Mr F. H. Watson, agreed to write to the Colonial Office, urging that Trinidad producers should not be compelled to sell their sugars locally at an unremunerative price.

Read letter dated April 13<sup>th</sup> from Imperial Commercial Association, dealing with the price charged for Sulphate of Ammonia for Colonial Export. Decided, to support their action, as far as it affects the West Indies.

Read letter from the Hon. Sec<sup>y</sup> of the West Indian Associated Chambers of Commerce, enclosing a resolution welcoming the interest taken in the development of West Indian Trade by the West India Committee

R. Rutherford.  
 May 13. 1920

Membership.  
Elected

2046.

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2081

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive  
of the West India Committee, held May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1920.

Present:- Mr R. Rutherford, Chairman  
 " Cyril Gurney.  
 " W. Gillespie.  
 Lieut. Col. H. H. Clifton.  
 " " Wan B. Davson, O.B.E.  
 Mr E. H. de Pass  
 " W. Fawcett  
 " G. M. Frame.  
 " T. Greenwood.  
 " H. McCConnell.  
 " E. Luxmore Marshall  
 " J. H. Scrutton.  
 Sir William Trollope.  
 Mr F. H. Watson  
 " W. H. Wolseley  
 Captain G. N. Knight, Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting (April 15) were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:- Membership, 2056.  
 Subscribers, 78. Subscriptions in arrears (1919) 50.

The following Candidates were admitted to Membership (35)

| NAME.   | PROPOSERS AND SECONDER.                                      |
|---|--|
| Mr. Llewellyn G. Jones ...<br>(P.E. Africa)                         | Mr. E. Powys Gladwin.<br>Lt.-Col. Ivan B. Davson,<br>O.B.E.  |
| Dr. Henry E. K. Fretz ...<br>L.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. (Ed.)<br>(Trinidad) | Mr. H. W. Fretz.<br>Mr C. Forbes Todd.                       |
| Mr. J. Moir Mackenzie ...<br>(London)                               | Lt.-Col. Ivan B. Davson,<br>O.B.E.                           |
| Colonel B. J. Inmiss ...<br>(London)                                | Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. F. A. Stockdale.<br>Mr. W. Abbott. |
| Mr. Ernest Hood ...<br>(London)                                     | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. F. A. Windridge.                   |
| Mr. W. N. C. Farquharson ...<br>(Jamaica)                           | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado.                 |
| Mr W. Blackburn Smith ...<br>(Bermuda)                              | Mr. A. Cory Davies.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.                      |
| Mr. C. E. Murphy ...<br>(Barbados)                                  | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr E. Luxmore Marshall.                |

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| Mr. Rupert Rapier ...<br>(Grenada)                     | Messrs. Jonas Browne & Son<br>Mr. John Barclay.             | (B. Guiana)                                | Mr. E. R. Campbell.                               |
| Mr. C. H. Hobson ...<br>(New York)                     | Mr. G. R. Macintyre.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                  | British United Oil Co., Ltd.<br>(Barbados) | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Sir Wm. Trollope, Bart.     |
| Mr. G. E. L. Poulden,<br>A.M.I.C.E. (St. Lucia)        | Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.<br>Hon. Wm. Peter.                 | Viscount Sandon ...<br>(Country)           | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. E. Luxmore Marshall.    |
| Lt-Col. Robert Deane,<br>O.B.E. (St. Lucia)            | Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.<br>Hon. Wm. Peter.                 | Mr. F. J. Larrouy ...<br>(B. Guiana)       | Hon. R. E. Brassington.<br>Mr. Thomas Greenwood.  |
| Barbados Mutual Life<br>Assurance Soc. (Bar-<br>bados) | Mr. J. R. Bancroft.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                   | Mr. W. S. Jones ...<br>(B. Guiana)         | Hon. R. E. Brassington.<br>Mr. Thomas Greenwood   |
| Mr. C. F. Grant Thomas...<br>(Barbados)                | Mr. J. D. Murray.<br>Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.                   | Mr. J. Adamson ...<br>(Country)            | Mr. E. A. Percival.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.           |
| Mr. H. B. Stoyale ...<br>(B. Honduras)                 | Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                    | The Canadian Bank of<br>Commerce (Jamaica) | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett. |
| Mr. W. H. Richards ...<br>(B. Guiana)                  | Mr. Robert Strang.<br>Mr. A. Murison.                       | Mr. R. T. Harrison ...<br>(Jamaica)        | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado.      |
| Mr. F. O. Low, Barrister-<br>at-Law (B. Guiana)        | Dr. W. Hewley Wharton.<br>Mr. W. H. McTurk.                 | Mr. Charles Levy ...<br>(Jamaica)          | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado.      |
| Mr. Alfred Torrie ...<br>(Trinidad)                    | Mr. A. Cory Davies.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.                     | Mr. G. J. Machado ...<br>(Jamaica)         | Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. F. M. Kerr-Jarrett.     |
| Messrs. Shand, Higson &<br>Co. (Liverpool)             | Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. E. R. Campbell.                   | Mr. T. E. Whitelocke ...<br>(Jamaica)      | Mr. L. de Mercado<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.       |
| Capt. Ernest E. Adams,<br>R.A.F. (Country)             | Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                    | Mr. G. Philpotts Brown...<br>(Jamaica)     | Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.      |
| Mr. G. R. Hutchinson ...<br>(B. Guiana)                | Mr. G. R. Hutchinson.<br>Lt.-Col. Ivan B. Davson,<br>O.B.E. | Mr. F. W. Mann, LL.B. ...<br>(London)      | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. E. Luxmore Marshall.    |
| Mr. Lynch King ...                                     | Hon. R. E. Brassington.                                     | Mr. A. Blackburn Smith ...<br>(Bermuda)    | Mr. A. Cory Davies.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.           |

The total of the Endowment Fund was reported to be to date: £14,803-4-1-.

£15,000 War Stock 5% 1929/47. purchased to date.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was passed unanimously.

That the Executive of the West India Committee desire to place on record the deep regret with which they have learnt of the death of Mr. Charles Sandbach Parker, C.B.E., for many years one of their colleagues, and to convey to Mrs. Parker their expression of sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the loss which she has sustained.

Read letter from Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, asking for his resignation from membership of the Executive to be accepted in view of his appointment as Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Food. Agreed to.

Read letter from Jamaica Imperial Association regarding Age certificates of foreign Ruins. Decided to forward this to Colonial Office.

Correspondence with the Colonial Office and with the West Indian Association of Glasgow, on the subject of Sugar compulsorily retained in Trinidad was read. Decided to take no further action at this stage.

Correspondence with the Board of Agriculture & Fisheries regarding the price charged for Sulphate of Ammonia and the allocation of shipping room for this fertilizer, was read. Agreed, to refer this to a Meeting of members interested in this question, at which the Imperial Commercial Association should be invited to be represented.

On the motion of Mr Cyril Gurney the following resolution was passed unanimously

That this meeting of the Executive wishes to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Thomas Greenwood, one of their members, in representing the West India Committee in connection with the British Guiana Colonisation Scheme, and to thank him for the very valuable report which he has made as a result of his visit to India;

R. Rutherford.  
June 18. 1920

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| Membership         | 2091               |        |
| Add Elected        | <u>57</u>          |        |
|                    | 2148               | 2138   |
| Restored to List   | <u>1</u>           |        |
|                    | 2149               |        |
| less Struck off 14 | <del>14</del>      | G.N.K. |
| Obituary 7         | <del>7</del>       | G.N.K. |
| Resignations 1     | <u>22</u>          |        |
|                    | <u><u>2127</u></u> | 2117   |

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive  
of the West India Committee, held June 17, 1920.

Present: Mr. Robert Rutherford. Chairman.  
" Cyril Gurney  
" W. Gillespie  
" W. Fawcett  
" M. Garnett  
" R. M. Parker  
" H. F. Prentice  
" J. H. Scutlon  
Sir William Trollope, Bart.  
Mr. A. E. Aspinall, C.M.G. Secretary  
Captain Gilfred N. Wright Asst. Secretary.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting (May 13)  
were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:- Membership, 2091.  
Subscribers, 81. Subscriptions in arrears, 39 (for 1919)

Resignations:- Mr. S. G. Turner  
Mr. M. T. Ormsby (3/1921)  
" W. Duncan (4/1921)  
" B. Wilson (5/1921)  
Lt. L. R. Wheeler (6/1921)  
~~Messrs. Rose & Laflamme, Ltd. (7/1921) G.N.V.~~

Obituary:-

Mr. C. Sandbach Parker, C.B.E.  
Mr. Justice H. Farshaw  
" W. H. Barnard  
" H. K. Rudolf  
" W. G. Purdie

Hon. J. V. Calder  
Mr. V. H. Calder <sup>G.N.V.</sup> Gal

Struck off:-

Mr. C. Parke  
" H. S. Tappin  
" W. A. R. McRae  
" L. J. Lipscomb  
" L. A. Richard  
" R. B. Short  
" F. H. Gray  
Mr. N. A. Wood  
" J. Forbes Marsden  
" W. Anderson  
" F. J. de Freitas  
" W. F. Wood  
" G. D. Hall  
" W. F. O. Paul



The following Candidates were elected to Membership of the West India Committee: (57)

| NAME.   | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES.                                 |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| Major Evelyn Wrench, C.M.G.                   | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.                  | Parmanand Pundit ... (Trinidad)                 | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. Henry Warner.             |
| Mr. A. E. Nash ... (Canada)                   | Mr. G. Moody Stuart.<br>Mr. C. B. Sayles.                | Mr. H. E. H. Tripp (London)                     | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. W. Gordon Gordon.         |
| Messrs. Birch & Co. (British Guiana)          | Mr. A. P. G. Austin.<br>Mr. M. Garnett.                  | Mr. R. Poynton Mackenzie (Trinidad)             | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. W. Gordon Gordon.         |
| Mr. D. J. Ewing-Chow (British Guiana)         | Mr. A. P. G. Austin.<br>Mr. M. Garnett.                  | Mr. F. Needler ... (Country)                    | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. M. Garnett.             |
| Mr. H. E. Berry ... (Country)                 | Mr. Robert Craig.<br>Hon. S. S. Stedman.                 | Mr. H. B. Sadler ... (British Guiana)           | Mr. W. H. McTurk.<br>Mr. F. U. Tronchin.          |
| Mr. C. A. Poole ... (Country)                 | Hon. S. S. Stedman.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.                 | Mr. D. R. Gemmell ... (British Guiana)          | Hon. R. E. Brassington.<br>Mr. M. Garnett.        |
| Mr. H. H. Llewellyn, J.P. (Country)           | Mr. Robert Craig.<br>Hon. S. S. Stedman.                 | Mr. C. A. Dowding ... (Barbados)                | Mr. Robert Challenor.<br>Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.     |
| Mr. V. L. Bryant ... (British Honduras)       | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mr. Sayad Abdul Aziz (Trinidad)                 | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. Henry Warner.             |
| Mr. F. W. Ross ... (British Honduras)         | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Rev C. D. Lalla ... (Trinidad)                  | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Major Randolph Rust.          |
| Mr. H. McDonald, J.P. (British Honduras)      | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mr. Alfred Bishop ... (London)                  | Messrs. E. D. and F. Man.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.   |
| Mr. W. F. C. Foreman (British Honduras)       | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mr. S. M. Haughton-James (Jamaica)              | Mr. Cyril Gurney.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.           |
| Mr. W. H. D. Foreman (British Honduras)       | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mr. E. P. Haughton-James (Jamaica)              | Mr. Cyril Gurney.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.           |
| Mr. A. H. Brinton ... (British Honduras)      | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mr. J. G. McLean ... (British Guiana)           | Mr. A. J. McConnell.<br>Mr. Thomas Greenwood.     |
| Mr. Percy George ... (British Honduras)       | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mrs. A. E. Fulcher ... (Country)                | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.       |
| Mr. R. J. Broburg ... (British Honduras)      | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mr. Leonard Powell (Country)                    | Mr. H. F. Prévité.<br>Mr. P. S. M. Arbutnot.      |
| Mr. F. A. Vargas ... (British Honduras)       | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mr. J. W. Pearl ... (London)                    | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Sir William Trollope, Bart. |
| Mr. G. R. Griffiths (British Honduras)        | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mr. J. P. Auld ... (British Guiana)             | Sir Edward Davson.<br>Mr. W. A. Boyd.             |
| Mr. J. K. Adams ... (British Honduras)        | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Sir Arthur Whinney, K.B.E. (London)             | Mr. Allan E. Messer.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
| Mr. W. Stevenson ... (British Honduras)       | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mr. W. R. Shilston ... (Barbados)               | Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.<br>Mr. J. D. Murray.         |
| Mr. Gerald Smith ... (British Honduras)       | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Major C. C. Mitche'l (Ireland)                  | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>Mr. A. Spooner.         |
| Mr. W. A. Baber ... (British Honduras)        | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mr. G. W. FitzHerbert (Country)                 | Mr. A. Spooner.<br>Mr. W. Baggott Gray.           |
| Mr. G. F. Mapp ... (British Honduras)         | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mr. A. Monsègue ... (Trinidad)                  | Mr. G. T. MacDougall.<br>Mr. C. T. Singineau.     |
| Mr. Guy N. F. Nord (British Honduras)         | Hon. G. E. Grabham.<br>Mr. A. P. D. Williamson.          | Mr. E. Curzon Villa, M.C. (Country)             | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.           |
| Mr. J. E. Streadwick (Jamaica)                | Sir Sydney Olivier, K.C.M.G., C.B.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford. | Mr. J. N. E. Sanderson ... (New York)           | Mr. G. R. Macintyre.<br>Mr. C. H. Hobson.         |
| Mr. F. F. C. Gill ... (Barbados)              | Hon. T. W. B. O'Neal.<br>Mr. Robert Challenor.           | St. Andrew's Agricultural Association (Grenada) | Mr. Cyril Gurney.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.            |
| Mr. P. M. H. Allahar (Trinidad)               | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. Henry Warner.                    | Mr. T. W. Clark ... (Grenada)                   | Mr. C. V. C. Horne.<br>Hon. P. J. Dean.           |
| The East Indian National Congress of Trinidad | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. Henry Warner.                    | Rev. H. F. Sharpe ... (Jamaica)                 | Dr. A. G. Curphey.<br>Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.       |
|   |  | Mr. M. M. Rahaman ... (British Guiana)          | Mr. H. B. Gajraj.<br>Mr. A. S. Rohoman.           |
|   |  | Capt. J. A. Burnside, M.C. (Antigua)            | Mr. J. W. A. Maginley.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
|   |  | Searle's Co-operative Factory (Barbados)        | Lieut.-Col. George Lane.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.    |

The position of the Endowment Fund to date was reported to be as follows. Total received, £16,518. Further amounts definitely promised, £2,236.

On the motion of Mr W. Gillespie, seconded by Mr C. Gurney, Mr Rutherford was unanimously re-elected Chairman.

Mr Rutherford proposed, and Mr J. H. Scutton seconded that Mr Cyril Gurney be elected Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year, Mr Trotter having stated that owing to the arduous nature of his duties as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, he felt unable to offer himself for re-election at present. Carried unanimously.

The election of the following as Hon. Treasurers was proposed by Mr Scutton, seconded by Mr M. Garnett, and carried unanimously. Mr. William Gillespie (re-elected). Sir Edward Dawson. Mr Thomas Greenwood.

Agreed to ask the following gentlemen to serve as additional Honorary Correspondents for the places stated:-

Barbados. Mr Harold B. G. Austin. Mr Henry H. Baird  
British Honduras. Mr Percy George.

Reported by the Secretary that a Memorandum had been received from the Colonial Office on the subject of the <sup>present</sup> conditions to be offered to Indian Colonists for British Guiana. Decided to convene a meeting of British Guiana proprietors to discuss this.

E. Rutherford  
July 8. 1920

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| Membership      | 2127        | 2117 |
| less Obituary - | 0           |      |
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|                 | 2127        |      |
| add Elected     | 16          |      |
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|                 | <u>2133</u> | 2133 |

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of  
the West India Committee, held July 8<sup>th</sup> 1920

Present. Mr. R. Rutherford - Chairman  
 " Cyril Gurney - Deputy Chairman  
 " W. Gillespie  
 " T. Greenwood  
 Lieut. Colonel H. H. Clifford  
 Sir Edward Dawson  
 Lieut. Col. War B. Dawson, O.B.E.  
 Mr. E. H. de Pass.  
 " W. Fawcett  
 " G. M. Frame  
 " M. Garnett  
 " N. Malcolmson  
 " R. M. Parker  
 " H. F. Previt e  
 " J. H. Scrutton  
 Sir William Trollope  
 Mr. Algernon E. H. Spinnall, C.M.G., Secretary  
 Captain Gilfred N. Knight, First "

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (June 17) were confirmed

The Hon. Treasurers reported:— Membership, 2124  
 Subscriptions in arrears, 39 for 1919. Obituary, £.

The following candidates were elected to Membership of  
 the West India Committee:—

| NAME.                                   | PROPOSERS AND SECONDER.                            |
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| Mr. John Dodds ...<br>(British Guiana)  | Mr. C. Algernon Campbell.<br>Mr. Evan R. Campbell. |
| Mr. T. L. Allamby ...<br>(Barbados)     | Mr. Robert Challenor.<br>Mr. E. Martin Haynes.     |
| Mr. D. L. Matthew ...<br>(Trinidad)     | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith.<br>Mr. A. H. Hamel-Smith.      |
| Mr. R. A. Fitzwilliam ...<br>(Trinidad) | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith.<br>Mr. A. H. Hamel-Smith.      |
| Mr. G. L. A. Snyder ...<br>(Barbados)   | Mr. G. Campbell Arnott.<br>Mr. H. F. Previt e.     |
| Mr. George Frecheville ...<br>(London)  | Mr. E. Curzon Villa, M.C.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.    |
| Dr. R. E. Clarke ...<br>(London)        | Mr. A. H. Hamel-Smith.<br>Mr. H. F. Previt e.      |

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| Mr. S. W. Varder ...<br>(Trinidad)        | Mr. R. G. Vincent.   |
| Mr. Longfield Smith, B.Sc.<br>(St. Croix) | Mr. C. H. McClean.   |
| Mr. G. N. Wattlely ...<br>(Trinidad)      | Mr. R. Rutherford.   |
| Mr. F. Dove ...<br>(West Africa)          | Sir Edward Davson.   |
| Mr. Bruce Austin ...<br>(West Africa)     | Mr. A. L. Inmiss.    |
| McDougall Bros., Ltd.<br>(Country)        | Mr. Edgar Tripp.     |
| Mr. S. R. Mendes ...<br>(Antigua)         | Mr. G. J. Christian. |
| Mr. N. F. Mendes ...<br>(Antigua)         | Mr. W. Boyd.         |
| W. & R. P. Moir & Co. ...<br>(Country)    | Mr. G. J. Christian. |
|   | Mr. R. Rutherford.   |
|   | Mr. A. Duckham.      |
|   | Mr. R. Rutherford.   |
|   | Mr. José Anjo.       |
|   | Mr. F. A. Joaquim.   |
|   | Mr. José Anjo.       |
|   | Mr. F. A. Joaquim.   |
|   | Mr. H. Crum Ewing.   |
|   | Mr. R. W. Tomlinson. |

Sir Edward Davson expressed his regret at being unable, owing to demands on his time, ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~present~~ <sup>to be</sup> accept the position of Honorary Treasurer.

The Chairman said it seemed desirable, having regard to the increasing scope of the Committee's finances, to raise the number of Honorary Treasurers to four, and on his motion, seconded by Mr. Cyril Gurney, Mr. E. H. de Pass and Mr. H. F. Previte were unanimously appointed to this Office for the ensuing year. It was agreed that the Treasurers ~~should act as in an advisory~~ <sup>capacity</sup> ~~to the Executive, and that they should be~~ asked to draw up and submit to the Executive a scheme of ~~action~~ <sup>action</sup> whereby they might in future act in an advisory capacity.

The question of election of Officers of the Committee was discussed, and the Secretary stated what was the procedure adopted by kindred organisations. Decided to ascertain the procedure in force in the Royal Geographical Society, and to refer the matter for the consideration of the Hon. Treasurers.

The total of the Endowment Fund was reported to be to date :- £17,037. 5% War Stock, 1929-47 purchased, £18,500, at a cost of £16,602.

Correspondence with the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply, was read, relating to the marketing of West India grocery sugars. Decided to write to the Commission, after consultation with representatives of the Can Sugar Grading Committee, urging a resumption of the

system of allotment, or alternatively permission to sell these sugars outside the ration, subject to a maximum price.

Letter from the Fuel Research Board, regarding Alcohol from West Indian molasses for power purposes, was read. Decided to invite Sir Frederick Nathan and representative distillers to meet Members interested in this question.

Correspondence on the subject of Age Certificates for British and Foreign Rums was read. Decided that a deputation should again approach the Commissioner of Customs on this matter.

A letter was read from Messrs Evans Sons Lescher & Webb of Liverpool, asking the Committee's support for a demonstration of their virus in British Guiana, with a view to exterminating the rats on the sugar estates there. Decided to refer this to the British Guiana proprietors.

A vote of thanks was passed unanimously to Sir Everard im Thurn, for his gift of books and curios to the West India Committee.

R. Rutherford  
July 25. 1920.

Membership 2132

Less obituary 7

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2125

Elected 21

Restored to list 1 22

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Total 2147





The following candidates were admitted to membership of the West India Committee:

| NAME.   | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES.  |
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| Mr. E. K. D. Hinkson<br>(Barbados)                | Capt S. C. Thorne.<br>Hon. E. A. Hinkson.                       |
| Mr. Dudley S. Parris<br>(Barbados)                | Capt. S. C. Thorne.<br>Hon. E. A. Hinkson.                      |
| Mr. James Sowray ...<br>(Dominica)                | Mr. F. Woolward.<br>Hon. H. A. Alford Nicholls,<br>C.M.G., M.D. |
| Mr. H. Blair Bannister ...<br>(Barbados)          | Capt. S. C. Thorne.<br>Hon. E. A. Hinkson.                      |
| Mr. D'A. C. D. Hinkson ...<br>(Barbados)          | Capt. S. C. Thorne.<br>Hon. E. A. Hinkson.                      |
| Mr. H. Ribbons ...<br>(Country)                   | Mr. E. Hood.<br>Mr. F. A. Windridge.                            |
| Mr. Richard Lyne Smith...<br>(Country)            | Mr. J. J. Law.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                            |
| Capt. Rafe Rowley-Conwy<br>R.N., C.M.G. (Country) | Capt. R. S. Cotton, R.N.<br>Mr. G. Moody Stuart.                |
| Messrs. Peter Dawson, Ltd.<br>(Glasgow)           | Mr. G. Macgregor Frame.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                   |
| Mr. E. H. Bell ...<br>(Jamaica)                   | Mr. A. Spooner.<br>Mr. W. Morrison.                             |
| Mr. R. M. Jones ...<br>(Barbados)                 | Mr. G. Parrott.<br>Mr. G. Macgregor Frame.                      |
| Mr. Ernest W. Sidwell ...<br>(Trinidad)           | Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. T. Boyd.                                |
| Mr. Max de Verteuil ...<br>(Trinidad)             | Mr. J. D'Abadie.<br>Mr. H. F. Previt e                          |
| Mr. A. J. Shepherd ...<br>(London)                | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. F. Previt e                        |
| Mr. S. F. Stedman ...<br>(Country)                | Dr. C. W. Daly.<br>Lieut.-Col. H. A. Clifton.                   |
| Mr. Francis Noel Garnett<br>(San Domingo)         | Mr. Dugald McPhail.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                       |
| Mr. Thomas Ryan ...<br>(St. Lucia)                | Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.<br>Lieut.-Col. H. A. Clifton.          |
| Mr. Ivan J. Scott ...<br>(Trinidad)               | Mr. H. F. Previt e.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                       |
| Messrs. William Beloe & Co.                       | Mr. Harold Carey.<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass.                         |
| Mr. Charles L. Royle, F.C.S.                      | Sir Edward Davson.<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass.                        |
| Major Edward W. Chapman                           | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.<br>Mr. G. Moody Stuart.               |

The Hon. Treasurers reported that they met on July 15 & now recommended that they might meet regularly on Mondays before the meetings of the Executive, on the following

Thursdays, and consider any points arising out of the Agenda of the Executive, and, further, that they might consider any questions of general policy submitted to them from time to time by the Chairman or Deputy-Chairman. This recommendation was approved.

The Premises Committee reported that they met on July 21<sup>st</sup>, when it was decided to ask the City & Westminster Properties L<sup>td</sup>, the landlords, through Sir Owen Phillips, who had kindly acted as intermediary, if they would accept the sum of £495 for the Rooms at 15, Seething Lane for one year from September 29<sup>th</sup>, & that they had agreed to do so.

It was resolved that the proposal to continue the tenancy of the present Rooms for one year, at the rental of £495, from Sept: 29<sup>th</sup> 1920 be approved, and that the Seal of the West India Committee be affixed to the Agreement with the City & Westminster Properties L<sup>td</sup>.

The Chairman reported the position with respect  
to the sale of best Indian Grocery Sugar.

R. Rutherford.

Sept. 2. 1920

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Membership. 21~~47~~

less:- obituary. 1  
resignations

21~~46~~

add elected 44

2190

2190

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the West  
India Committee, held September 2, 1920.

Present. Mr. R. Rutherford, in the Chair  
 " C. Gurney.  
 " W. Gillespie  
 " C. A. Campbell  
 " E. R. Campbell  
 " W. Fawcett  
 " G. M. Frame  
 " N. Malcolmson  
 " E. L. Marshall  
 " H. F. Previtte.  
 " F. H. Watson  
 Capt. Gilfred Knight, Asst. Secretary.

Minutes of preceding meeting (July 29) confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurer reported: - Membership, 2157.

Subscribers, 83. Resignations, 2 - (Sir William Allardyce, K.C.M.G.  
 9/1921, and Mrs Howell-Jones, 8/1921). Obituary, Mr M. A. Pereira.  
 Subscriptions in arrears, 38 for 1919. 250 for 1920

The following candidates were admitted to membership  
of the West India Committee.

| NAME.  | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES.                                     |
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| Mr. James Bird, M.I.N.A.<br>(London)                           | Lt.-Col. Ivan Davson, O.B.E.<br>Mr. A. Duckham               |
| Mr. A. C. Linton ...<br>(Montserrat)                           | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson<br>Mr. K. P. Penchoen                   |
| Mr. R. G. Tugwood ...<br>(London)                              | Mr. W. A. Boyd<br>Mr. H. A. Bligh                            |
| Leonora, Ltd. ...<br>(Liverpool)                               | Messrs. Sandbach, Tinne &<br>Co.<br>Messrs. The Demerara Co. |
| Mr. Gordon L. Yearwood ...<br>(Trinidad)                       | Mr. Carl de Verteuil<br>Mr. W. H. Yearwood                   |
| Mr. P. R. Machado ...<br>(Jamaica)                             | Mr. W. Morrison<br>Mr. Archibald Spooner                     |
| Mr. Thomas Dunlop ...<br>(Barbados)                            | Mr. Henry H. Baird<br>Mr. W. W. Nurse                        |
| Mr. R. S. Cunliffe, B.Sc. ...<br>(Trinidad)                    | Mr. Edgar Tripp<br>Mr. Paul Dumoret                          |
| Mr. A. F. Levitt ...<br>(Barbados)                             | Mr. Henry H. Baird<br>Mr. E. Martin Haynes                   |
| Mr. J. Grant McIntosh ...<br>(Trinidad)                        | Mr. Edgar Tripp<br>Mr. Robert S. Reid                        |
| Mr. Edwin C. Moseley ...<br>(Bahamas)                          | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Capt. E. V. Solomon             |
| The Hon. A. K. Solomon ...<br>(Bahamas)                        | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Capt. E. V. Solomon             |
| Mrs. A. C. Robinson ...<br>(Trinidad)                          | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Hon. A. C. Robinson             |
| Mr. Alfred W. Gordon ...<br>(St. Kitts)                        | Major J. T. Dew, V.D.<br>Mr. Howard Marsh                    |
| Mrs. D. A. W. Simpson ...<br>(Barbados)                        | Mr. D. G. Simpson,<br>A.M.I.M.E.<br>Mr. A. C. Thomas         |
| Mr. W. Y. Edghill ...<br>(Barbados)                            | Mr. George Parrott<br>Mr. G. Macgregor Frame                 |
| Mr. R. W. Farnborough ...<br>(Country)                         | Hon. Hugh McLelland<br>Captain J. C. McLelland               |
| Mr. E. G. Hart Wood ...<br>(Barbados)                          | Mr. H. A. Williams<br>Mr. J. E. A. Crawford                  |
| Mr. T. Augustus Toote ...<br>(Bahamas)                         | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. J. E. A. Crawford           |
| Mr. André Lange ...<br>(Trinidad)                              | Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. J. E. A. Crawford           |
| Mr. B. Gainfort ...<br>(British Guiana)                        | Hon. J. B. Cassels, M.B.E.<br>Mr. Thomas Greenwood           |
| Mr. W. Francis ...<br>(British Guiana)                         | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.<br>Mr. W. A. Boyd                    |
| Mr. E. W. Bowen ...<br>(Trinidad)                              | Mr. Howard Marsh<br>Mr. H. F. Previtte                       |
| Mr. P. Francis ...<br>(London)                                 | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.<br>Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall          |
| Mr. Lancelot McMillan ...<br>(Country)                         | Mr. E. B. Acham<br>Messrs. Jonas, Browne & Son               |
| Mr. Ranald I. Harvey,<br>A.M.I.E.E. (Venezuela)                | Dr. C. W. Daly<br>Mr. H. F. Previtte                         |
| Mr. Francis A. Baddeley ...<br>(London)                        | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney                        |
| The British West Indian<br>and General Trading Co.<br>(London) | Mr. H. W. Brathwaite<br>Mr. E. B. Acham                      |
| Messrs. C. Haynes & Co.,<br>Ltd. (Trinidad)                    | Mrs. E. Haynes<br>Mr. William Gillespie                      |
| Rev. Wm. H. Townsend<br>British Guiana)                        | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.<br>Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall          |
| Hon. D. T. Wint, M.L.C.<br>(Jamaica)                           | Mr. William Gillespie<br>Mr. Harold de Pass                  |
| Mr. R. C. G. Lewis ...<br>(Trinidad)                           | Mr. J. E. A. Crawford<br>Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.             |
| Mr. J. R. Hamlyn-Nott ...<br>(Country)                         | Mr. Cyril Gurney<br>Mr. R. Rutherford                        |
| Mr. Ernest Dutchman ...<br>(London)                            | Mr. M. T. Dawe, F.L.S.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford                  |

The Executive of the West India Committee has learnt with satisfaction of the encouraging manner in which the recommendations of the Tropical Agricultural College Committee have been received in the West Indian Colonies generally, and expresses the hope that now that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has decided that the College shall be situated in Trinidad, the scheme will continue to receive whole-hearted support in those colonies, all of which, it is confident, will derive incalculable advantage therefrom. This meeting further hopes that those colonies which have not yet come to a decision as to the extent to which they will support the College will do so as early as possible in order that there may be no further delay in inaugurating the scheme which has been launched under such favourable auspices.

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| Mr. R. C. Srivastava, B.Sc.<br>(London)                         | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.       |
| Mr. L. A. P. O'Reilly, K.C.<br>(Trinidad)                       | Mr. C. A. Campbell            |
| Mr. W. R. Redman ...<br>(Barbados)                              | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith            |
| Mr. E. T. Cox...<br>(Barbados)                                  | Mr. H. F. Previté             |
| Mr. L. W. Clarke ...<br>(Barbados)                              | Mr. Henry H. Baird            |
| Mr. A. F. A. Clairmonte ...<br>(Barbados)                       | Mr. W. W. Nurse               |
| The Bermuda and West<br>Atlantic Aviation Co.,<br>Ltd. (London) | Mr. Henry H. Baird            |
| Mr. L. S. Smith ...<br>(Trinidad)                               | Mr. W. A. Bovell              |
| Mr. W. McGregor Grant ...<br>(St. Vincent)                      | Mr. Henry H. Baird            |
| Hon. A. M. Fraser ...<br>(St. Vincent)                          | Mr. W. A. Bovell              |
|   | Lt.-Col. I. B. Davson, O.B.E. |
|   | Mr. R. Rutherford             |
|   | Mr. Edgar Tripp               |
|   | Hon. A. H. Cipriani           |
|   | Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.          |
|   | Messrs. H. L. Ellis & Co.     |
|   | Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.          |
|   | Mr. C. E. F. Richards         |

The Hon. Treasurers reported that contributions to the Endowment Fund now amounted to £21,808.

The British Guiana Proprietors reported a meeting on August 26. A letter was read from the Colonial Office, stating that the Indian Government no longer proposed to send a deputation to British Guiana at present.

The Chairman announced that as a result of a conference held at the Food Ministry between members of that Ministry, of the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supplies and of the West India Committee, the Royal Commission had undertaken effectively to dispose of 10,000 tons of West Indian grocery sugars at the August agreed prices. It was agreed to leave the question of any balance that might remain unallotted by September 4, to the consideration of the Sugar Sub Committee and the Grading Committee.

On the motion of Mr. W. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall, the following resolution was passed:— (See opposite)

The question of presenting a cup or trophy for Cacao in connection with the International Tropical Products Exhibition in June, 1921, was discussed. Mr. Fram was invited to bring forward at next meeting, suggestions as to how this might best be done, for consideration of the Executive.

R. Rutherford.  
Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1920

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| Membership       | 2,190        |
| less Obituary    | <u>3</u>     |
|                  | 2,187        |
| add Elected      | <u>39</u>    |
|                  | <u>2,226</u> |
| restored to list | 1            |
|                  | <u>2,227</u> |



## Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive - October 7, 1920.

Present: - Mr. Robert Rutherford, Chairman.  
 " Cyril Gurney, Deputy Chairman.  
 " W. Gillespie  
 " E. A. de Pass  
 " H. F. Periké

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| Mr. Evan R Campbell                 | Mr. M. Garnett       |
| Lieut. Colonel H. A. Clifton        | " H. N. Lubbock      |
| Sir Edward Davson                   | " H. McConnell       |
| Lieut. Colonel I. B. Davson, O.B.E. | " N. Malcolmson      |
| <del>Mr. E. A. de Pass G.N.K.</del> | " R. M. Parker       |
| " W. Fawcett                        | " J. H. Scrutton     |
| " G. M. Frame.                      | Sir William Trollope |

+ Mr. C. F. Wood.  
 Mr. Algerna Aspinall, C.M.G. Secretary Captain Gifford Knight, Asst Secy

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (Sept. 2) were read + confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurer reported: - Members, 2200.  
 Subscribers, 83. Resignations, 3. (Captain H. K. Jones, R.N. 1/1921  
 Mr. Charles Denny 1/1921, 9 Messrs. W. S. Robutson + Co 1/1921)  
 Obituary, 3. (Hon. E. duBoulay, Hon. G. Fitzpatrick, + Mr. W.  
 Burslem) Subscriptions in arrears, 39 for 1919. 250 for 1920.  
 Restored to List, 1. (Mr. E. B. Ackam)  
 The following candidates (39) were admitted to  
 Membership of the West India Committee

|   |                             |                        |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Mr. William R. Polson ... (Jamaica)                             | Mr. M. T. Dawe              | Mr. E. Dutchman        |
| Mr. Charles S. Wilson ... (London)                              | Mr. N. Malcolmson           | Col. H. A. Clifton     |
| Mr. Cecil A. de Lisser ... (Jamaica)                            | Messrs. E. A. de Pass & Co. | Mr. W. Gillespie       |
| Mr. J. M. Ironside ... (Trinidad)                               | Mr. J. D'Abadie             | Mr. H. B. Sadler       |
| Sir H. A. Bovell ...  | Mr. James J. Law            | Mr. R. Rutherford      |
| Mr. John H. Robinson ... (Country)                              | Prof. J. D. Albuquerque,    | F.I.C.                 |
| Major H. V. Jervis-Read ... (Country)                           | Mr. J. H. Wilkinson         | Mr. Llewellyn Jones    |
| Messrs. S. Pearson & Son ... (Contracting Dept.), Ltd. (London) | Mr. M. Garnett              | Mr. R. Rutherford      |
| Mr. Wynne Sayer, B.A. ... (India)                               | Mr. M. Garnett              | Mr. R. Rutherford      |
| Rt. Rev. E. A. Dunn, Bishop of British Honduras                 | Mr. W. Gillespie            | Sir Edward Davson      |
| Canon William J. Moody ... (British Guiana)                     | Mr. H. B. Sadler            | Mr. Archibald Spooner  |
| The St. Thomas Planters' Association (Jamaica)                  | Mr. W. Morrison             | Sir George R. Le Hunte |
| Mr. Godfrey B. R. Pease ...                                     | G.C.M.G.                    | Mr. R. Rutherford      |

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| Mr. Joseph Rippon, O.B.E. ...<br>(Country)   | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass        |
| Mr. E. H. Matthew-Lannowe<br>(California)    | Messrs. Boddington & Co.<br>Mr. M. Garnett    |
| Mr. G. G. C. Dewar ...<br>(Jamaica)          | Mr. G. P. Dewar<br>Mr. W. Gillespie           |
| Mr. Hugh A. Field ...<br>(Barbados)          | Mr. E. Martin Haynes<br>Mr. G. Challenor      |
| Mr. Julian C. Field ...<br>(Barbados)        | Mr. E. Martin Haynes<br>Mr. Henry H. Baird    |
| Mr. J. L. Clarke ...<br>(Barbados)           | Mr. E. Martin Haynes<br>Mr. G. Challenor      |
| Mr. R. Clayton Taylor ...<br>(Barbados)      | Mr. Henry H. Baird<br>Mr. W. W. Nurse         |
| Mr. R. Henry Taylor ...<br>(Barbados)        | Mr. Henry H. Baird<br>Mr. W. W. Nurse         |
| Mr. L. T. A. McVane ...<br>(St. Lucia)       | Hon. G. Barnard<br>Messrs. Barnard Sons & Co. |
| Mr. Joseph Connell ...<br>(Country)          | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. J. H. Wilkinson      |
| Messrs. Cargill, Cargill &<br>Dunn (Jamaica) | Mr. E. Morris<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass            |
| Mr. Clement C. Bynoe ...<br>(Barbados)       | Mr. J. H. Wilkinson<br>Mr. J. W. Pearl        |
| Mrs. A. G. Farnum ...<br>(Trinidad)          | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith<br>Mr. J. R. Falconer      |

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| Messrs. Chalmers, Guthrie &<br>Co., Ltd.                                | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. W. Gillespie           |
| Rt. Rev. A. Berkeley, Bishop<br>of Barbados and the<br>Windward Islands | Mr. J. H. Wilkinson<br>Mr. R. Rutherford        |
| Mr. Walter J. Alcock ...<br>(Country)                                   | Mr. A. K. Agar<br>Mr. H. H. V. Whitechurch      |
| Mr. George Adhar ...<br>(Trinidad)                                      | Hon. and Rev. C. D. Lalla<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp    |
| Mr. John E. Armoogum ...<br>(Trinidad)                                  | Rev. C. D. Lalla<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp             |
| Messrs. Young, Hand & Co.<br>(Trinidad)                                 | Mr. W. Gordon Gordon<br>Mr. George Parrott      |
| Mr. E. L. Fosbrooke ...<br>(Jamaica)                                    | Capt. A. G. Curphey, M.C.<br>Mr. L. de Mercado  |
| Mr. Ernest D. Dew ...<br>(Antigua)                                      | Hon. R. A. L. Warneford<br>Rev. P. K. F. Bolton |
| Mr. John E. Govia ...<br>(Trinidad)                                     | Mr. C. R. Smith<br>Mr. J. B. Traverso           |
| Mr. Frank Agostini ...<br>(Trinidad)                                    | Mr. W. Gillespie<br>Mr. H. Smith                |
| Mr. F. R. Harford ...<br>(Grenada)                                      | Mr. W. Gillespie<br>Mr. H. Smith                |
| Mr. R. H. Shepherd ...<br>(Trinidad)                                    | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith<br>Mr. A. Johnston           |
| Mr. William A. E. Tryham ...<br>(Barbados)                              | Mr. W. F. Mandeville<br>Mr. G. C. Edghill       |

The total of the Endowment Fund was reported to be £22,568, 17s. 7d., £760 having been received since last meeting. Invested in War Loan, 5% 1929/47, - £21,719-10s. 5d., being £24,500 of Stock.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cyril Gurney. Mr Harold de Pass was unanimously elected a member of the Executive.

Letter from Mr. H. D. Spooner was read, tendering his resignation from the Executive on ceasing to be actively interested in the West Indies. Resolved:- That the Executive accept with regret the resignation from their Body of Mr. H. D. Spooner, and desires to record its appreciation of his services since he was elected in 1915.

Decided to appoint Miss Mary Moseley Hon: Correspondent of the West India Committee for the Bahamas

Read letter from the Colonial Office, announcing that the Treasury had agreed to provide the quarters of the expenditure necessary for a temporary

steamship service between this country and Barbados, Trinidad & British Guiana, provided those Colonies would be responsible for one fourth, and that the total expenditure was estimated at £120,000 a year. This letter, dated October 2<sup>nd</sup> was in reply to one from the West India Committee dated September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Chairman moved & Mr Gurney seconded the following resolution which was carried unanimously:-

"That the Committee desires to express its thanks to Messrs. Thos. & Jas. Harrison for having consented to send the S.S. "Mtaba" with accommodation for 80 passengers to the West Indies at the present time, thus relieving the situation arising out of the suspension of direct passenger steamer communication between the West Indies and the Mother Country."

Letters from the West India Associations of Liverpool & Glasgow regarding the regulations for sugar required for local consumption in Trinidad. Ordered, that the Secretary prepare a memorandum showing the arrangements in force or contemplated in British Guiana and the West Indian Islands.

Meetings of Jamaica Standing Committee & British Guiana Proprietors on September 21<sup>st</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> respectively, were reported, and action taken approved.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Gurney, it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the Executive of the West India Committee, incorporated by Royal Charter, in meeting this day assembled, desire respectfully to express to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales their sense of appreciation of his having been graciously pleased to include the ancient and loyal colonies of the British West Indies and British Guiana in the itinerary of his recent and memorable tour, which cannot fail to maintain and strengthen the bonds linking His Majesty's West Indian possessions with the Mother Country and

other parts of the British Empire; and, further, to extend to  
 His Royal Highness their loyal congratulations on the occasion of  
 his return to England <sup>after so long an absence</sup>  
 The Hon. L. Eyre Hutson, C.M.G., Governor  
 of British Honduras, now attended by invitation, and  
 was welcomed by the Chairman, who expressed the Committee's  
 appreciation of the Colony's contribution to the Endowment  
 Fund & of the reception accorded to the Secretary during his  
 recent visit, ~~with~~ His Excellency, in reply, outlined the  
 Colony's present position, and prospects, emphasizing the  
 need for a new industry, and requested the Committee's  
 support of a Government Sugar Mill. by which means  
 the railway could be kept going. A vote of thanks  
 to His Excellency was proposed by Mr Cyril Gurney,  
 seconded by Sir Edward Dawson, & passed unanimously.

R. Rutherford



Membership 2,220

less Obituary. 1

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G.M.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the West  
India Committee held October 21, 1920.

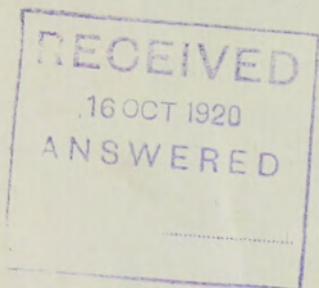
Present. Mr. Robert Rutherford Chairman  
 " Cyril Gurney  
 " William Gillespie  
 " H. F. Previté  
 Lieut. Colonel H. F. Clifton  
 " " Wan Davson, O.B.E.  
 Mr. W. Fawcett,  
 " Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G., Secretary  
 Captain Gilfred Knight. Asst. "

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (October 7)  
were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:— Membership, 2236.  
 Subscribers, 82. Resignation: Messrs. John Mallock & Co. (13/1921)  
 Obituary: The Hon. Adam Smith, C.M.G. Struck off, 2.  
 (Mr. A. E. Hanna. Mr. E. A. Innis). Subscriptions in arrears,  
 39 for 1919 and 225 for 1920.

The following candidates (14) were admitted to  
membership of the West India Committee:—

| NAME.   | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES.                                      |
|---|---|
| General J. A. Bell-Smythe<br>(Trinidad)                                 | Mr. G. Macgregor Frame<br>Mr. Carl de Verteuil                |
| Mr. Joseph Jones, B.A.<br>(Dominica)                                    | Hon. H. A. Alford Nicholls<br>C.M.G., M.D.<br>Mr. F. Woolward |
| Mr. F. J. de Verteuil<br>(India)  | Mr. G. Macgregor Frame<br>Mr. Carl de Verteuil                |
| The Rev. B. C. Howell<br>(Barbados)                                     | Mr. G. Douglas Pile<br>Mr. C. W. M. Sealy                     |
| Mr. J. A. Scott<br>(London)   | Mr. S. R. Cargill<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney                         |
| His Excellency the Hon. L.<br>Eyre Hutson, C.M.G.<br>(British Honduras) | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney                         |
| Mr. P. E. N. Mortimer<br>(Trinidad)                                     | Mr. R. V. Butt<br>Mr. C. B. Sayles                            |
| Mr. Richard P. Pile<br>(Barbados)                                       | Mr. G. B. Evelyn<br>Mr. F. G. B. King                         |
| Mr. Bruce Stephens  | Mr. G. Macgregor Frame<br>Mr. R. Rutherford                   |
| Mr. A. Seton Milne<br>(British Guiana)                                  | Mr. Robert Strang<br>Mr. George Risien                        |
| Mr. T. Hewitt Skinner<br>(London)                                       | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. H. F. Previté                        |
| Mrs. E. M. Scully<br>(London)   | Mr. Llewellyn Jones<br>Mr. H. F. Previté                      |
| The Rev. W. A. Bryan<br>(Country)                                       | Mr. Llewellyn Jones<br>Lieut.-Col. I. B. Davson<br>O.B.E.     |
| Major G. N. Kingsford,<br>D.S.O., M.C.<br>(London)                      | Mr. Llewellyn Jones<br>Mr. H. F. Previté                      |



October 15th, 1920.

ST JAMES'S PALACE. S.W.

Sir,

I am desired by The Prince of Wales to ask you to express to the Executive of the West India Committee His Royal Highness's deep appreciation of the resolution which they passed on Thursday October the 7th, and which you were good enough to forward with your letter of the 8th instant.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Godfrey Thomas.*

Private Secretary.

A. Aspinall, Esqre., C.M.G.

The Hon. Treasurers reported the total of the Endowment Fund as £22,601. 8s. 7d., £32. 11s. 0d having been received since last meeting. Invested in 5% War Loan 1929/47 - £22,228. 17s. 5d, being £25,100 Stock.

In accordance with notice given at last meeting, on the motion of Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Gurney, Mr. H. J. Freeman was unanimously elected a member of the Executive.

The Secretary read a reply from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the resolution passed at last meeting.

A proposal of the Port of London Authority that a deputation of the Committee should confer with them regarding the Bill the P. L. A. intend introducing into Parliament was <sup>considered</sup> Ordered that a Sub-Committee be appointed to consider the Bill <sup>proposed</sup> <sup>G.N.H.</sup> New <sup>Charterage</sup> rates, and that the following members be asked to serve on it:— Mr. G. M. Frame, Mr. H. J. Freeman, Lieut. Colonel Ivan Dawson, O.B.E., Mr. N. Malcolmson, & Mr. H. F. Previtte, the first meeting to be on October 26.

Letter from the West India Association of Glasgow was read, regarding the retention of sugar in Trinidad for local consumption. Decided to refer the matter to a meeting of Trinidad Proprietors to be convened at an early date.

His Excellency, Major H. E. S. Cordeaux, C.B., C.M.G., Governor of the Bahamas, attended by invitation at 3.30 P.M., and conferred with the meeting on the trade and prospects of the Bahamas.

R. Rutherford.

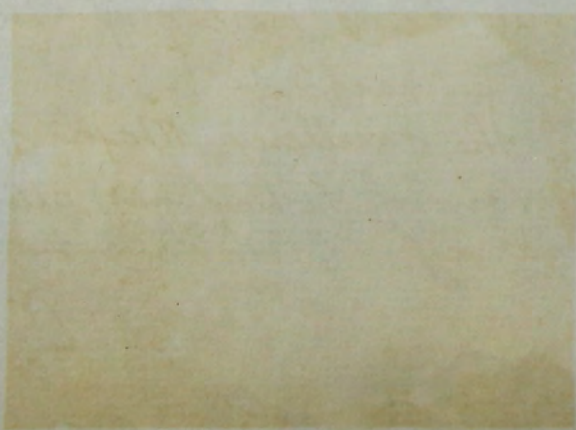
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Membership 38  
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less Obituary. 2  
Struck off. 6

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2230 G.N.K.  
add Elected 27  
2265 G.N.K.

2257 G.N.K.



Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of  
the West India Committee held November 18, 1920.

Present:— Mr. R. Rutherford - Chairman.

" W. Gillespie.

" E. H. de Pass.

" H. F. Previté.

Lieut. Col. Wm. B. Dawson, O.B.E.

Mr. Harold de Pass.

" W. Fawcett.

" N. Malcolmson.

" E. Luxmoore Marshall.

" F. H. Watson.

" Algernon H. Spinall C.M.G., Secretary.

Captain Alfred Knight Asst. Secretary.

The Minutes of preceding Meeting (Oct. 21)  
were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:— Mem-  
bership, 2247. Subscribers, 83. Resignations, 3 -  
Mr. H. M. Ellis (<sup>15</sup>/1921). Mr. Guy E. Ponsonby (<sup>15</sup>/1921)  
Mr. B. R. Peyton (<sup>15</sup>/1921). Obituary, 2 - Captain  
Jan McDonald, M.C., D.F.C.; Mr. W. Lindsay Haynes.  
Struck off, 6 - Mr. T. J. Sims, Captain D. Horn. Mr.  
G. V. Turpin, Mr. E. N. Richards, Mr. E. I. Scott, Mr.  
H. F. Donald. Subscriptions in arrears, 36 for 1919  
& 157 for 1920.

The following candidates were elected members  
of the West India Committee:—

| NAME.  | PROPOSERS AND SECONDER.                               |
|--|---|
| H.E. Major H. E. S. Cordeaux, C.B., C.M.G. (Bahamas) | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney                 |
| Mr. Albert Nind (Trinidad)                           | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith<br>Mr. H. F. Previté               |
| Trinidad Esmeralda Estate, Ltd. (London)             | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith<br>Mr. H. F. Previté               |
| Mr. W. M. Phillips (Cuba)                            | Mrs. H. H. Sealy<br>Mr. G. H. Arthur                  |
| Mr. A. D. Macgillivray (Venezuela)                   | Mr. D. Macgillivray<br>Mr. R. B. Archibald, J.P.      |
| Dr. A. A. Hearne (British Honduras)                  | Mr. P. Stanley Woods<br>The Hon. F. W. Biddle, J.P.   |
| Mr. A. W. Rogers (London)                            | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney                 |
| Mr. S. B. Gooding (Barbados)                         | The Hon. J. R. Phillips<br>Messrs. Evelyn Roach & Co. |
| Mr. Brenton Lopez (Jamaica)                          | Mr. Manly Lopez<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass                  |

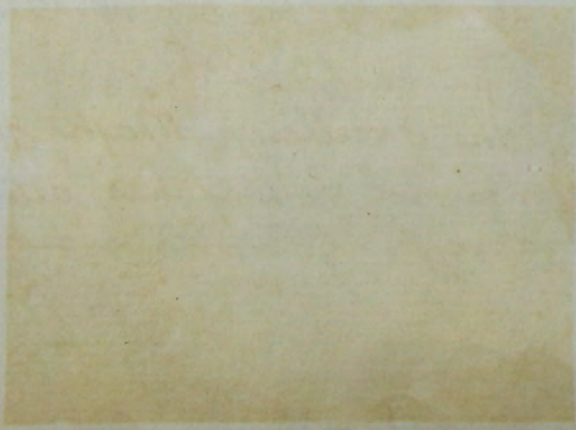
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Present:— Mr. R. Rutherford - Chairman.  
" W. Gillespie.  
" E. A. de Pass.  
" H. F. Previté.  
Lieut. Col. War B. Dawson, O.B.E.  
Mr. Harold de Pass.  
" W. Fawcett.  
" N. Malcolmson.  
" E. Luxmoore Marshall.  
" F. H. Watson.  
" Algernon H. Spinall C.M.G. Secretary.  
Captain Alfred Knight Asst. Secretary.

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Van McDonald, M.C., D.F.C.; Mr. W. Lindsay Haynes.  
Struck off, 6 - Mr. T. J. Sims, Captain D. Horn, Mr.  
G. N. Turpin, Mr. E. N. Richards, Mr. E. I. Scott, Mr.  
H. F. Donald. Subscriptions in arrears, 36 for 1919  
9.157 for 1920.

The following candidates were elected members  
of the West India Committee:—

| NAME.  | PROPOSERS AND SECONDER.                               |
|--|---|
| H.E. Major H. E. S. Cordeaux, C.B., C.M.G. (Bahamas) | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney                 |
| Mr. Albert Nind (Trinidad)                           | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith<br>Mr. H. F. Previté               |
| Trinidad Esmeralda Estate, Ltd. (London)             | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith<br>Mr. H. F. Previté               |
| Mr. W. M. Phillips (Cuba)                            | Mrs. H. H. Sealy<br>Mr. G. H. Arthur                  |
| Mr. A. D. Macgillivray (Venezuela)                   | Mr. D. Macgillivray<br>Mr. R. B. Archibald, J.P.      |
| Dr. A. A. Hearne (British Honduras)                  | Mr. P. Stanley Woods<br>The Hon. F. W. Biddle, J.P.   |
| Mr. A. W. Rogers (London)                            | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney                 |
| Mr. S. B. Gooding (Barbados)                         | The Hon. J. R. Phillips<br>Messrs. Evelyn Roach & Co. |
| Mr. Brenton Lopez (Jamaica)                          | Mr. Manly Lopez<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass                  |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Captain Albert Farley<br>(London)                     | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith<br>Mr. A. H. Hamel-Smith   | Miss Emily Murray<br>(British Guiana)       | Mr. David Gibson<br>Mr. R. Rutherford             |
| Uroz Oilfields, Ltd.,<br>(London)                     | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith<br>Mr. H. F. Previté       | Major A. G. Kent-Johnson<br>(Country)       | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. J. W. Pearl              |
| Mr. W. N. Sands<br>(Malay States)                     | Mr. William Gillespie<br>Mr. H. F. Previté    | Mr. C. V. Newton<br>(Tobago)                | Messrs. Jonas Browne & Son<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney    |
| Mr. Harold J. J. Freeman<br>(London)                  | Mr. Cyril Gurney<br>Mr. William Gillespie     | Mr. W. D. Elwin<br>(Dominica)               | Mr. R. Rutherford<br>Mr. J. W. Pearl              |
| Messrs. W. Tanner Boxwell,<br>Son & Co. (Liverpool)   | The Hon. B. Gosset<br>Mr. William Gillespie   | The Royal Bank of Canada<br>(Port-of-Spain) | Mr. T. R. Whitley<br>Mr. J. Mackie                |
| Mr. Charles McK. Pringle<br>(Jamaica)                 | Mr. William Gillespie<br>Mr. H. F. Previté    | Mr. Ivor C. Daniels<br>(Trinidad)           | Mr. Edgar Tripp<br>Mr. Paul Dumoret               |
| Mr. T. D. Westcott<br>(London)                        | Sir John Dimsdale, Bart.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté | Mr. Henry A. Evelyn<br>(Jamaica)            | Mr. A. St. G. Spooner<br>Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall |
| Kern River Oil Fields of<br>California, Ltd. (London) | Mr. H. F. Previté<br>Mr. William Gillespie    | Mr. W. S. Maynard<br>(Nevis)                | Hon. F. H. Watkins, I.S.O.<br>Mr. Paitfield Mills |
| Mr. Frank A. Dixon<br>(London)                        | Mr. James B. Stiven<br>Mr. R. Rutherford      | Mrs. Eileen Centeno<br>(London)             | Dr. P. L. Giuseppi<br>Mr. H. F. Previté           |

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Deputy Chairman, Mr. Alfred William Rogers was unanimously elected a member of the Executive of the West India Committee.

Read a letter from the West India Association of Liverpool, dated November 4<sup>th</sup>, inviting the Committee to support a movement towards inducing the West Indian Colonies to grant a 15% tariff preference on sugar machinery. Ordered that the Secretary prepare a memorandum on the subject.

A letter addressed to the Colonial Office on November 3<sup>rd</sup> urging that provision might be made for a time limit to the operation of the Trinidad Food and Fuel Ordinance (No. 28 of 1920), was approved. Read a letter from the West India Association

of Glasgow dated November 11<sup>th</sup> on the subject, and it was decided to defer considering the question of a deputation regarding the Ordinance pending a reply from the Colonial Office.

The Secretary reported that a meeting of the British Guiana Proprietors had been held

on November 12, and, it appearing that Barbadian immigrants were being rejected, a cablegram had been sent to the Planters' Association enquiring what decision had been arrived at and asking that the matter might receive careful consideration owing especially to the prejudicial effect which the refusal of Barbadians would have on attempts to secure immigrants from elsewhere.

Read a letter from the Jamaica Imperial Association, inviting the West India Committee's help in securing a further utilisation of the direct steamship service between the United Kingdom and Jamaica for mails. Decided to communicate with the Colonial Office in this matter.

A letter from the Department of Agriculture of Barbados, dated October 19, was laid upon the table, enclosing a Resolution of the House of Assembly which expressed <sup>C.M.A.F.</sup> its willingness to vote the necessary funds not exceeding £1,000 in order that Barbados might participate in the British Empire Exhibition, 1923. The letter further intimated that the offer of the West India Committee to place their organisation at the disposal of the Permanent Exhibition Committee of Barbados for this Exhibition was gratefully accepted.

Letters from the Wholesale Sugar Dealers of London dated October 22 & November 17 were read. After discussion, it was decided to agree to the restitution of pre-war conditions of sale of West

Indian crystallised and muscovado sugars, namely  
 3 lbs. tare and 1 lb. draft, West Indian crystallised  
 to be sold at landed weights and muscovado at  
 re-weights, the discount in both cases to be  
 allowed at the pre-war rate of one per cent, and the  
 "prompt" to be one month. It was further decided  
 to agree to the above terms for syrup sugars, subject  
 however, to syrups being sold on landed weights and  
 not on re-weights.

R. Rutherford

18th  
 Dec: 1920

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|---------------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| Membership          | 2257        | 2,257 |        |
| less Obituary 8     |             |       |        |
| Struck off <u>1</u> | <u>9</u>    |       |        |
|                     | 2248        | 2,248 |        |
| add Elected         | <u>20</u>   |       |        |
|                     | <u>2277</u> | 2,268 | e.h.h. |



Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the West India Committee, held December 16<sup>th</sup> 1920.

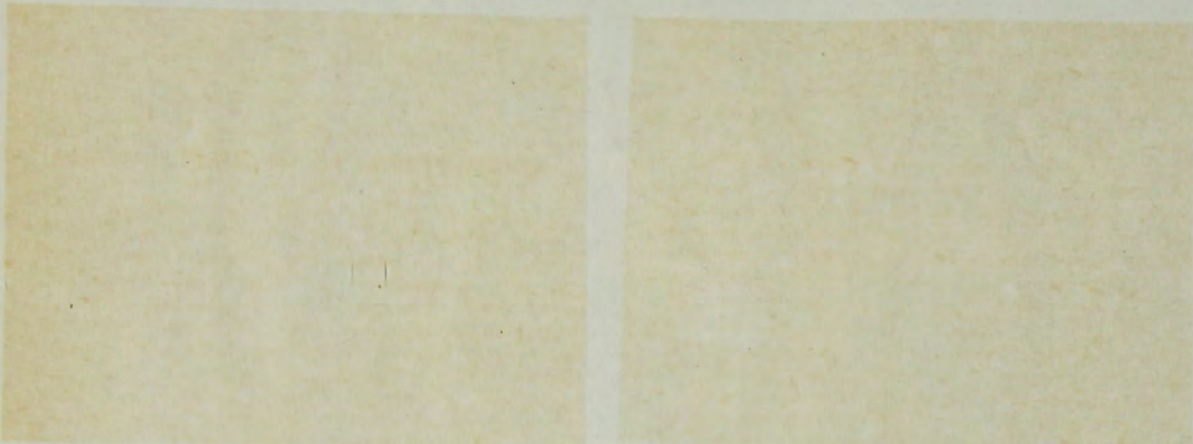
Present:- Mr. R. Rutherford - Chairman  
 " Cyril Gurney  
 " W. Gillespie.  
 " E. H. de Pass.  
 Lieut. Colonel H. H. Clifton  
 Sir Edward Dawson  
 Mr. W. Fawcett  
 " E. Luxmoore Marshall  
 " H. F. Prestige.  
 " H. W. Rogers.  
 " Algernon Hspinall, C.M.G. - Secretary  
 Captain Gifford N. Knight - Asst. Secretary

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (November 18) were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:- Membership, 2266. Subscribers, 83. Resignations, 9. - Mr. R. T. Gallwey (<sup>16</sup>1920) <sup>(A.N.V.)</sup> Trinidad Shipping & Trading Co., Ltd. (<sup>18</sup>1921), Major J. V. Kirkland (<sup>19</sup>1921), Alexander Cross (<sup>19</sup>1921) <sup>(Sas)</sup>, Anglodol Ltd. (<sup>19</sup>1921), Mr. William Durno (<sup>20</sup>1921), Hon. E. C. Buck (<sup>21</sup>1921), Sir Francis Fleming, K.C.M.G. (<sup>22</sup>1921), Mr. J. E. Elmslie (<sup>23</sup>1921) Obituary, 8. - Mr. Leon Fuentes, Hon. E. R. Jones, Mr. H. Cameron Menzies, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. R. P. Pile, Mr. L. S. Cranston, Mr. V. D. Rowe, Mr. R. P. Lawson. Subscriptions in arrears, 28 for 1919. 120 for 1920. Struck off 1, - Captain William Hale, M.B.E.

The Hon. Treasurers also reported the progress of the Endowment Fund, which now totalled £22,460-4s-7d., of which £22,478-18s-11d., had been invested in 5% War Loan, 1929/47, being £25,400 stock.

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" West India Committee represent that as West Indian producers can only sell sugar to refiners in Canada owing to the maintenance of the Dutch standard of classification, they regard it as most desirable that refiners should be supported at this critical juncture in the interests of the Canada West Indies Trade Agreement."

The following candidates were admitted to membership of the West India Committee :-

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| His Excellency Lieut.-Col. Sir Charles O'Brien, K.C.M.G. (Barbados) | Mr. R. Rutherford          |
| Mr. Benjamin H. Segré (Jamaica)                                     | Mr. Cyril Gurney           |
| Mr. G. R. Garnett (London)  | Mr. L. M. Harvey           |
| Major W. D. Beamish (Country)                                       | Mr. C. Algernon Campbell   |
| Mr. James Packer (Barbados)   | Mr. Evan R. Campbell       |
| Mr. John R. Bovell (Barbados)                                       | Mr. R. S. D. Goodwin       |
| Mr. W. A. Kirton (Barbados)   | Mr. R. Bryson              |
| Mr. Alex. B. Robertson (Trinidad)                                   | Mr. Geo. R. Hutson         |
| Dr. T. L. E. Clarke (St. Kitts)                                     | Mr. H. S. Hutson           |
| Mr. H. H. Walwyn (St. Kitts)  | Sir F. J. Clarke, K.C.M.G. |
|   | Mr. G. Elliott Sealy       |
|   | Mr. Henry H. Baird         |
|   | Mr. W. W. Nurse            |
|   | Mr. J. Knox                |
|   | Mr. P. J. Scott            |
|   | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson       |
|   | Mr. G. H. Yearwood         |
|   | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson       |
|   | Mr. G. H. Yearwood         |

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Mr. W. E. Walwyn (St. Kitts)                | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson               |
| Mr. G. B. Goodall (St. Kitts)               | Mr. G. H. Yearwood                 |
| Mr. C. G. Goodall (St. Kitts)               | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson               |
| Mr. A. B. Tucker (Country)                  | Mr. G. H. Yearwood                 |
| Mr. R. V. Evan Wong, B.Sc. (British Guiana) | Mr. T. Hewitt Skinner              |
| Mr. J. B. L. Todd (Trinidad)                | Mr. R. Rutherford                  |
|   | Mr. H. Leighton Piper              |
|   | Mr. W. A. Boyd                     |
|   | Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Collens, V.D. |
|   | Lieut.-Colonel H. A. Clifton       |
| Mr. Willoughby Bullock, F.R.G.S. (London)   | Mr. R. Rutherford                  |
| Mr. A. W. Thomson (London)                  | Mr. Cyril Gurney                   |
| Mr. Thomas Fisher (Antigua)                 | Mr. R. Rutherford                  |
| Mr. F. L. Berry (London)                    | Mr. Cyril Gurney                   |
|   | Mr. G. Moody Stuart                |
|   | Mr. Cyril Gurney                   |
|   | Mr. Cyril Gurney                   |
|   | Mr. E. A. de Pass                  |

Read a letter from Messrs. Sandbach Finne & Co., dated November 19, requesting the West India Committee to invite the Canadian Government to support their request in the emergency brought about by the removal of a fixed retail price for sugar in the Dominion. The Secretary reported that as the result of an interview on December 1<sup>st</sup> with Mr. W. Griffith, the High Commissioner had sent the following cablegram to the Canadian Premier on behalf of the West India Committee. (See opposite)

A cablegram from the British Guiana Sugar Planters' Association dated November 23<sup>rd</sup> was read, stating that the immigration of Barbadians into the Colony had not stopped, and that application had been made for increased numbers of West Indian immigrants.

The Secretary read a memorandum he had prepared on the subject of the incidence of taxation on sugar machinery in the British West Indies. Ordered that a copy be sent to the West Indian Association of Liverpool.

A memorandum emphasising the importance of steps being taken to secure a resumption of direct trans-Atlantic mail and passenger communication between the United Kingdom and the British West Indies was read, & approved. Ordered that a copy be transmitted to the Imperial Shipping Committee, who had invited the views of the Committee on the subject in a letter dated November 18.

Read letter from the Colonial Office, covering a letter from the Agricultural Adviser to the Government of British Honduras suggesting the establishment of a cane syrup industry in that Colony, and inviting the views of the Committee thereon. Ordered that a reply be sent to the effect that owing to the grave shortage of agricultural labour in British Honduras, the Committee do not believe that a Central Sugar or Syrup Factory would have prospects of success unless arrangements could be made for the introduction of an adequate supply of agricultural labourers, but that, in the Committee's opinion, the production of sugar and syrup by peasant proprietors, should be encouraged.

A letter from the Colonial Office dated December 6 on the subject of the mails between Jamaica and the United Kingdom, was read. Ordered to call attention, in reply, to the delays in the dispatch of parcels, due to waiting for opportunities via New York.

A letter was read from the Colonial Office dated November 30, stating that whilst the Secretary of State was not at present prepared to direct the amendment of the <sup>and</sup> ~~Ordinance~~ Trinidad Food & Fuel Ordinance (No. 28 of 1920), he had asked the Governor of Trinidad to consider the matter further at the end of twelve months.

R. Rutherford

13 January, 1921

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|-------------------------|----|--------------|
| Membership              |    | 2,268        |
| Struck off              | 28 |              |
| Resignations (31.12.20) | 23 |              |
| " (13.1.21)             | 10 |              |
| Obituary                | 4  | 65           |
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|                         |    | 2,203        |
| add Elected             |    | 25           |
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|                         |    | <u>2,228</u> |

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the  
West India Committee held January 13, 1921.

Present: - Mr. R. Rutherford, Chairman  
 " Cyril Gurney  
 " E. H. de Pass  
 " H. F. Previte  
 Sir Edward Dawson  
 Mr. H. J. Freeman  
 Lieut. Colonel G. H. O. Lane  
 Mr. R. M. Parker  
 " A. W. Rogers  
 " J. H. Scrutton  
 Sir William Trollope  
 Mr. J. H. Scrutton  
 " Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G., Secretary  
 Captain Gilfred Knight Assistant Secretary

The Minutes of the preceding meeting  
(December 16) were confirmed

The Hon. Treasurers reported: -

Membership, 2277. Subscribers, 80. Resignations, 10.  
 (Miss D. H. Morris, Mr. H. E. King, Mrs. E. Dixon, J. &  
 E. Sturge, Ltd., Sir Leonard Powell, Major E. F. Becker,  
 Mr. C. H. E. Legge, Mr. E. C. Eliot, Mr. C. S. V. Branch,  
 Scrutton Sons & Co.). Obituary, 4 (Sir Charles Bruce,  
 G.C.M.G., Mr. J. P. Gun-Munro, Mr. H. E. Murray, Mr. E. U.  
 Wing) Struck off, 28 (Mr. H. J. Hayward, Mr. L. C.  
 Byer, Mr. S. McF. Binns, Mr. L. H. Mackay, Mr. F. D.  
 McPhail, Mr. L. R. Whittard, Mr. E. J. F. Campbell, Mr.  
 Gordon Short, Mr. Ernest Beach, Mr. F. Child, Mr. E.  
 P. Haynes, Mr. C. O. Hazell, Dr. C. D. Holston, Mr. J.  
 H. W. Sampson, Mr. E. Williams, Mr. W. H. Bolton, Mr. O.  
 T. Carabon, Captain H. Clark, Mr. T. L. Dunsire, Mr. Gaston  
 Johnstone, Mr. H. P. Marryatt, Mr. L. A. Villain, Hon. J. T. Manchester

Mr. D. H. Semper, Mr. J. P. Plummer, Mr. Reginald Muir,  
 Mr. G. N. Hobbs, Mr. J. T. Allen) Subscriptions in arrears,  
 120 for 1920.

The following candidates were elected  
 members of The West India Committee (25)

| NAMES.   | PROPOSERS AND SECONDER.             |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Nassau Public Library (Bahamas).                   | { Mr. Frank Holmes, K.C.            |
| Dr. George H. Steven, M.B., Ch.B. (Grenada).       | { Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.         |
| Mr. W. E. Mackay (Africa).                         | { Mr. A. Hayward.                   |
| Mr. A. G. Burslem (Trinidad).                      | { Mr. Charles F. Harold.            |
| Mr. H. V. Lindo (Jamaica).                         | { Mr. W. E. Mandeville.             |
| Mr. J. P. Robertson (St. Vincent).                 | { Mr. L. A. Gomez.                  |
| Mr. F. E. Murray (St. Vincent).                    | { Mr. H. B. G. Austin.              |
| Capt. H. G. Watson Taylor (Country).               | { Miss D. H. Austin.                |
| Major A. S. Bowen (Trinidad).                      | { Mr. L. de Mercado.                |
| Mr. P. M. Todd (St. Kitts).                        | { Mr. A. St. G. Spooner.            |
| Mr. Fred C. S. Bascom (London).                    | { Hon. J. M. Gray, J.P.             |
| Mr. J. A. Kelso (London).                          | { Mr. J. H. Aikman.                 |
| His Honour Major H. Peebles, D.S.O. (Tortola)      | { Hon. J. M. Gray, J.P.             |
| Miss J. Iris Howard (London).                      | { Mr. J. H. Aikman.                 |
| Mrs. G. J. Howard (London).                        | { Mr. E. P. Haughton James.         |
| Capt. E. Allan Collymore (London).                 | { Mr. G. P. Dewar.                  |
| Mr. E. C. Stembridge (London).                     | { Sir G. Townsend Fenwick, K.C.M.G. |
| Mr. Henry Dakyns (London).                         | { Mr. G. B. Austin.                 |
| Lady Cameron (London).                             | { Mr. J. R. Yearwood.               |
| Trinidad Petroleum Development Co., Ltd. (London). | { Mr. G. H. Yearwood.               |
| Mr. F. H. Robertson (London).                      | { Mr. C. A. Campbell.               |
| Messrs. Greig & Greig (London).                    | { Mr. J. W. Pearl.                  |
| Messrs. Herbert Green & Co (London).               | { Dr. Harold Moody.                 |
| Mr. S. H. Overton (Country).                       | { Jonas Browne & Son.               |
| Mr. H. Burges Watson (London).                     | { Mr. R. Rutherford.                |
|  | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.                 |
|  | { Mr. A. B. Tucker.                 |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.                |
|  | { Mr. A. B. Tucker.                 |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.                |
|  | { Mr. F. J. Morris.                 |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.                |
|  | { Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.           |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.                |
|  | { Mr. T. L. M. Orde.                |
|  | { Mr. H. F. Previt .                |
|  | { Sir Edward Davson.                |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.                |
|  | { Sir Edward Davson.                |
|  | { Mr. A. W. Rogers.                 |
|  | { Sir Edward Davson.                |
|  | { Mr. A. W. Rogers.                 |
|  | { Mr. H. O. Howard Tripp.           |
|  | { Trinidad Produce Co., Ltd.        |
|  | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.                 |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.                |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.                |
|  | { Mr. C. Gurney.                    |
|  | { Mr. A. W. Rogers.                 |
|  | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.                |

The Hon. Treasurer reported that £68-7s-10d. had been contributed to the Endowment Fund since last meeting, the present total being £22,828.12s.5d. of which £22,478.18s.11d. had been invested in 5% War Loan 1929/47, being £25,400 stock.



The dispatch of a letter dated January 7 calling the attention of the Colonial Office to the serious congestion on the wharf at Port of Spain, & suggesting the use of additional rolling stock and cranes, was approved.

Read a cablegram from the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce, as follows:- "Colony practically unanimous opposition establishment leper settlement Chacachacare earnest cooperation your committee requested influentially signed petition going forward Milner." It was decided to request the Secretary of State for the Colonies to defer taking any action in the direction of approving of the transfer of the leper settlement to Chacachacare until the petition referred to had arrived, and the Committee had had the opportunity of expressing their views regarding it.

Following a discussion, it was decided to make representations to the Shipping Companies on the subject of freight rates, with a view to securing an all round reduction in the present charges. A sub-committee, consisting of Mr. R. M. Parker (or, alternatively, Sir Edward Dawson), Mr. E. H. de Pass, Mr. J. H. Freeman, and Mr. G. Moody Stuart, was appointed to meet the representatives of the Shipping Companies.

Mr. E. H. de Pass called attention to the serious delays and breakdowns in cable communication between the United Kingdom and the British West Indies, Jamaica excepted, and to the mutilation of messages and difficulty of obtaining repetition of mutilated words. The Chairman consented to see the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject and to ascertain what steps were being taken to remedy the present intolerable state of

affairs, and also to enquire whether the Committee could be furnished with a copy of the report of the wireless expert who visited the West Indies in February, 1920. It was agreed also to bring to the notice of the Colonial Office the extremely unsatisfactory cable news-service supplied to the West Indies.

Ordered that the seal of the West India Committee be affixed to a Surrender-form in respect of £300 4% Dominion of Canada stock 1940/60. released by the Treasury.

R. Rutherford.

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1921.

Membership 2,228

less Obituary 2

Resignations 6

Struck off 2

10

2218

add Elected 11

Restored to list 1

12

2230

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of  
the West India Committee, held February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1921.

Present. Mr. R. Rutherford, Chairman.

" E. H. de Pass

" H. F. Preville

" C. H. Campbell

Lieut. Colonel H. H. Clifton

Mr. H. Duckham

" W. Fawcett

" H. J. Freeman

" N. Malcolmson, O.B.E.

Sir William Trollope, Bart.

Mr. Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G., Secretary

Captain Gilfed Knight, Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (Jan. 13)  
were confirmed

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

Membership 2,228

Resignations 6

Obituary 2

Struck off 2

Restored to List 1

Subscribers 66

The Credit Foncier of Mauritius  
Martin Dean & Co

Holland & Co., Ltd

Hon. J. M. Rosado

Mr. E. B. Galbraith

" J. K. Adams

Sir G. H. Goodman

Mr. F. Pelford

Mr. J. F. Salazar

Lieut. T. M. Harries

Mr. James P. Plummer.

The state of the Endowment Fund was reported, as under:-

|   |         |     |      |
|---|---------|-----|------|
| Contributions received since last meeting:- | £69     | 9s  | 4d   |
| Present total:-                             | £22,898 | 1s  | 9d   |
| Invested in 5% War Loan, 1929/47:-          | £22,478 | 18s | 11d. |
| Stock held:-                                | £25,400 | 0s  | 0d.  |

The following candidates (11) were admitted to membership of the West India Committee

| NAMES.   | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES.  |
|--|---------------------------|
| Mr. Joseph Gonzalez (Trinidad).                | { Mr. H. A. de Freitas.   |
| Mr. M. T. Horner (Montserrat).                 | { Mr. Charles Nettinho.   |
| Mr. Norman D. Simpson (Barbados).              | { Hon. Fred Driver.       |
| Mr. W. H. Silver (Jamaica).                    | { Mr. K. P. Penchoen.     |
| Mr. W. H. Murad (London).                      | { Mr. D. Grafton Simpson. |
| Messrs. J. F. Thompson & Sons, Ltd. (Jamaica). | { Mr. A. C. Thomas.       |
| Mr. Samuel H. Davies (Country).                | { Mr. E. C. McLeod.       |
| Major W. H. I. Capon, M.B.E. (Trinidad).       | { Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
| Mr. A. McW. Connolly (Cuba).                   | { Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.   |
| Mr. James McG. Fraser (Cuba).                  | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.      |
| Mr. F. E. Kezar (Cuba).                        | { Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.   |
|  | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.      |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
|  | { Mr. H. J. Freeman.      |
|  | { Mr. J. E. A. Crawford.  |
|  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.      |
|  | { Mr. D. R. Mackenzie.    |
|  | { Hon. A. Fraser.         |
|  | { Mr. D. R. Mackenzie.    |
|  | { Hon. A. Fraser.         |
|  | { Mr. D. R. Mackenzie.    |
|  | { Hon. A. Fraser.         |

The Trinidad Tax on Incomes Ordinance (No. 54 of 1920) was considered with special reference to Section 15, which is intended to obviate the double payment of income tax. Representations having been received from various Oil Companies and Messrs. S. Dobree & Sons regarding the absence of a three years average clause, & other points, a sub-committee, comprising Mr. N. Malcolmson, O.B.E., & Mr. H. J. Freeman, with Captain G. Hudson Lyall, M.B.E. & Mr. W. Longcroft (of the Trinidad Central, Ltd.) was appointed to consider and report on the matter.

The Chairman reported that he and the Secretary had attended at the Colonial Office on January 20<sup>th</sup>, and in conversation with Mr. G. E. H. Grindle, C.B., had endorsed the views of the Committee regarding the undesirability of transferring the Lepus Settlement to Chacachacare; the immediate need of handling ~~and~~ providing increased facilities for handling goods on the

wharf at Port of Spain & on the Trinidad Government Railways, and also regarding the urgent necessity of the adoption of measures to secure improvement in the West Indian cable service. He added that Mr. Brindle had indicated that the Colonial Office Committee did not favour wireless for the West Indies owing to its susceptibility to atmospheric disturbances, especially in the neighbourhood of Jamaica and that they were agreed that a cable should be laid from Bermuda to Barbados, as suggested by the Committee. The question became one of ways and means, and he hoped that private enterprise would be forthcoming to carry it through.

The despatch of a letter dated Jan. 27. calling the attention of the Jamaica Imperial Association to the regulations under Law 17 of 1920, by which it is necessary in order to secure the preferential duty on cotton piece goods, that the certificate of origin be counter-signed by a "competent authority" (in this case believed to mean a Justice of the Peace) and urging that in similar regulations the signature of the partner, manager, chief clerk, or principal official of the firm shipping and/or supplying the goods should be held sufficient, was approved.

R. Rutherford.

Feb'y 17<sup>th</sup>: 1921.

|               |    |  |                     |
|---------------|----|--|---------------------|
| Membership    |    |  | 2,230.              |
| less Obituary | 2  |  |                     |
| shuck off     | 2  |  |                     |
| resignations  | 4  |  |                     |
|               |    |  | <u>8</u>            |
|               |    |  | 2,222               |
| add Elected   | 18 |  |                     |
|               |    |  | <u>18</u>           |
|               |    |  | <u><u>2,240</u></u> |

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the West India  
Committee, held February 17<sup>th</sup> 1920.

Present:- Mr. R. Rutherford, Chairman

" W. Gillespie

Lieut. Col. H. A. Clifton

Mr. H. J. Freeman

" N. Malcolmson, O.B.E.

" J. H. Scrutton

Sir William Trollope.

Mr. F. H. Watson.

" Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G., Secretary

Captain Gilfred Knight, Asst. Secretary.

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (February 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

|                               |       |                                      |     |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Membership                    | 2230. | Subscribers                          | 64. |
| Resignations                  | 4.    | Mr. O. P. Bennett                    |     |
|                               |       | " G. L. Lamotte                      |     |
|                               |       | St. Lucia Usines & Estates Co., Ltd. |     |
|                               |       | John Tann, Ltd.                      |     |
| Obituary                      | 2     | Mr. James Gilbert                    |     |
|                               |       | " Thomas Flood.                      |     |
| Struck off                    | 2.    | Mr. John Gill                        |     |
| Subscribers in Arrears (1920) | 102   | " C. W. M. Saunders.                 |     |

The following candidates (18) were admitted to  
membership of the West India Committee:-

| NAMES.                                       | PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES.       |  |                             |
|--|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| The Hon. Herbert Dunk<br>(British Honduras). | { Mr. Sydney Cuthbert.         | Mr. W. A. Stephens<br>(St. Kitts).     | { Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.     |
| Mr. J. M. D. Gilbert<br>(Trinidad).          | { The Hon. G. E. Grabham.      | Mr. E. P. Corner<br>(St. Kitts).       | { Mr. J. R. Yearwood.       |
| Mr. Claude H. Munn<br>(Jamaica).             | { Mr. J. W. Martin.            | Mr. F. L. Stewart<br>(St. Kitts).      | { Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.     |
| Mr. C. T. Alder<br>(Guadeloupe).             | { Mr. C. de Verteuil.          | Mr. S. V. Meggs<br>(St. Kitts).        | { Mr. J. R. Yearwood.       |
| Mr. C. Cambie<br>(London).                   | { Mr. L. de Mercado.           | Mr. C. B. Wattleby<br>(St. Kitts).     | { Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.     |
| Canadian Bank of Commerce<br>(London).       | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.       | Mr. G. V. Ballantyne<br>(St. Vincent). | { Mr. J. R. Yearwood.       |
| Mr. C. Lloyd Walwyn<br>(St. Kitts).          | { Mr. J. Sydney Dash.          | Mr. David Derrick<br>(St. Vincent).    | { Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.      |
| Mr. C. H. Durrant<br>(St. Kitts).            | { Mr. H. J. Freeman.           | Mr. H. J. Kerr<br>(Jamaica).           | { Mr. H. J. Freeman.        |
| Mr. Justice K. E. Poyser<br>(St. Kitts).     | { Sir William L. Trollope, Bt. | Mrs. Florence Browne<br>(Barbados).    | { Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.      |
|  | { Mr. J. H. Scrutton.          |  | { H. L. Ellis & Co.         |
|  | { Sir William L. Trollope, Bt. |  | { Mr. W. Gillespie.         |
|  | { Mr. J. H. Scrutton.          |  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.        |
|  | { Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.        |  | { Mr. E. Maxwell Shilstone. |
|  | { Mr. J. R. Yearwood.          |  | { Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.      |
|  | { Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.        |  |                             |
|  | { Mr. J. R. Yearwood.          |  |                             |
|  | { Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.        |  |                             |
|  | { Mr. J. R. Yearwood.          |  |                             |



The Hon. Treasurers reported the progress of the Endowment Fund as follows:-

|   |         |     |     |
|---|---------|-----|-----|
| Contributions received since last meeting | £4      | 9s. | 4d. |
| Present Total                             | £22,902 | 11  | 1   |
| Invested in 5% War Loan 1929/47           | 22,478  | 18  | 11  |
| Stock held                                | 25,400  | 0   | 0   |

The Sub-Committee appointed at last meeting reported that they had examined the Trinidad Incomes Tax Ordinance (No. 54 of 1920) in connexion with the Finance Act of the United Kingdom, and had found it open to objection in many respects. Ordered that Messrs. Gush Phillips, Walters & Williams, Solicitors, be requested to instruct Mr. H. Latta with a view to obtaining his Opinion regarding its provisions, it being agreed that while it was desirable to secure for Trinidad, financial advantage from the provisions in the Finance Act of the United Kingdom against double taxation, it was important that the position of non-resident taxpayers should be completely safeguarded.

Read letter from Mr. F. J. Whitmore of Joseph Travers & Sons, Ltd., asking Committee to agree to a proposal that in future the minimum number of bags of sugar sold publicly or in private, should be 50, instead of 30, as heretofore, excepting in the case of original imports of a smaller amount. Ordered that a reply be sent that the Committee could not bind their members in this matter.

The Chairman mentioned that a paper ~~had been~~ read by the Secretary on "The British West Indies, their present position and future prospects" had been read before the members of the Bristol Branch of the Royal Colonial Institute on

January 17. Ordered that copies be printed.

The Chairman gave notice that he proposed to nominate Captain G. Hudson Lyell, M.B.E., for election to the Executive at next meeting, and that Mr Cyril Gurney would second the nomination. The proposal met with unanimous approval.

R. Rutraford  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1921

Membership 2,240  
less Resignations 2  
2,238

add Elected 11  
Restored to List 1  
12  
2,250

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the  
West India Committee held March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1921

Present: - Mr R. Rutherford, Chairman  
" Cyril Gurney  
" H. F. Previt e  
" T. Greenwood.  
" C. H. Campbell  
" E. R. Campbell.  
Lieut. Colonel H. A. Clifton.  
Mr W. Fawcett, B.Sc.  
" H. J. Freeman  
" E. Jux Moore Marshall  
Sir William Trollope, Bart.  
Mr C. F. Wood  
" Algernon H. Spinal, C.M.G., Secretary  
Captain Gelfed Knight, Asst. "

The Minutes of the preceding meeting (February 17) were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported: - Membership, 2,240  
Subscribers, 63. Resignations, 2. (H. J. & A. Kerr:  
Barnett Samuel & Sons, Ltd.). The name of Mr E. P.  
Haynes was restored to the list of members.

The following candidates were elected to membership of  
the West India Committee.

| Names.  | Proposers and Seconders.                            |
|---|---|
| Mr. C. T. de D. Whitehouse<br>(Malay States).     | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.<br>Mr. H. J. Freeman.       |
| Mr. A. W. Elliot<br>(St. Kitts).                  | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.<br>Mr. J. R. Yearwood.        |
| Mr. C. W. W. Greenidge<br>(St. Kitts).            | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.<br>Mr. J. R. Yearwood.        |
| Mr. O. P. Challenger<br>(St. Kitts).              | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.<br>Mr. J. R. Yearwood.        |
| Phs. Van Ommeren<br>(London), Ltd.                | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.       |
| Mr. Morton Cuthbert<br>(British Honduras).        | Mr. Sydney Cuthbert.<br>The Hon. G. E. Grabham.     |
| Professor R. T. Leiper,<br>M.D., D.Sc. (London).  | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.       |
| Mr. James J. Sabey<br>(London).                   | Mr. H. J. Freeman.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.            |
| Mr. William R. Scott<br>(Glasgow).                | Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.         |
| Naparima Oilfields of<br>Trinidad, Ltd. (London). | Lieut. Colonel H. A. Clifton<br>Mr. H. F. Previt e. |
| Culloden Consolidated Co.,<br>Ltd. (London).      | Lieut. Colonel H. A. Clifton<br>Mr. H. F. Previt e. |

The Hon. Treasurers reported that the total of the Endowment Fund was £22,907. 13s. 1d., of which £22,735. 3s. 8d. was invested in 5% War Loan, 1929/47.

The Chairman stated that His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, K.G., had been graciously pleased to accept an invitation to dine as the guest of the West India Committee on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. This announcement was received with great satisfaction & a Sub-Committee comprising the Chairman (Mr R. Rutherford), the Deputy Chairman (Mr Cyril Gurney), and the Hon. Treasurers (Mr W. Gillespie, Mr E. A. de Pass, Mr T. Greenwood and Mr H. F. Preville) was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements. The Secretary mentioned that there was an interesting precedent for the proposed function, the Prince's great-great-great Uncles, Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Clarence (afterwards King William IV) and the Duke of York having dined with the Committee in 1812.

Read letter from Messrs. Thos. & Jas. Harrison, stating that on February 16 general reductions, to the extent of about 20 per cent had been made in the West Indian homeward tariff, some operating from January 1<sup>st</sup>, but most from February 7<sup>th</sup> & that a reduction of about 20 per cent would be made in the rate agreed by the Company & individual firms for shipments of sugar during March, at the end of which month the position would be reconsidered.

Read letter from the Colonial Office (Feb<sup>y</sup> 22) stating that before advising His Majesty with respect to the Tax on Incomes Ordinance (No. 54 of 1920) of Trinidad he would await the expression of the views of the West India Committee, provided they were received within

a reasonable period. The Secretary stated that arrangements had been made for a conference with Counsel (Mr. Latta) to be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Read letter from the Colonial Office (February 23<sup>rd</sup>) stating that the Governor of Jamaica had informed them that the Postmaster of the Colony did not advocate any change in the existing arrangements in respect of the despatch of mails, adding that whenever it was considered more advantageous to do so, the steamers of Elders & Fyffes, Ltd., were being used for the carriage of all mail matter from the Island.

The Secretary reported that a meeting of British Guiana proprietors was held on January 24<sup>th</sup> to consider the following cablegram received from the Planters' Association:-

"Representative meeting unanimously decided place  
 "critical position sugar industry before  
 "Governor requesting him cable position Secu-  
 "lary State impossible produce sugar under  
 "twenty eight pounds per ton suggest home  
 "proprietors offer this years output Imperial  
 "Government at price fixed by them - ensuring  
 "reasonable margin profit local proprietors  
 "are making this offer."

and that the proprietors decided to send the following cablegram to the Association in reply:-

"Sugar decontrolled twenty eighth home proprietors  
 "sorry cannot accept your suggestion we do not  
 "think it advisable. Suggest obtain relief from  
 "local taxation if you can get a reduction."

Read letter from the Colonial Office

(February 23<sup>rd</sup>) stating that note had been made of the desire of the West India Committee to discuss the proposed memorandum on emigration when there was a reasonable prospect of the Indian Government being willing to consider proposals for the resumption of emigration and adding that Mr Churchill was in communication with the Government of the Union of South Africa as to the emigration of East Indians from that country to British Guiana.

Correspondence having been laid on the table regarding the inadequacy of the allowances for obscuration of rum. It was resolved that Mr E. H. de Pass and Mr Douglas, if willing to act, be asked to meet representatives of the dealers and brokers to consider what ~~was~~<sup>is</sup> the matter.

Read letter from the Development Board of the Bahamas (February 3<sup>rd</sup>) forwarding a draft for £50 to cover expenses in connection with publicity. Agreed that the West India Committee be willing to represent the Board in the United Kingdom.

It was decided to call the attention of the Colonial Office to the desirability of securing the ratification of the Canada - West Indies Trade Agreement at the earliest possible moment, with a view to securing the advantages of the increased preference in Canada for this year's sugar crop.

On the motion of Mr R. Rutherford, seconded by Mr Cyril Gurney, Captain G. Hudson Lyall, M.B.E. was unanimously elected a member of the Executive.

R. Rutherford

April 14. 1921.

|                   |          |       |
|-------------------|----------|-------|
| Membership        |          | 2,250 |
| less Resignations | 8        |       |
| Obituary          | 4        |       |
| Struck off        | <u>3</u> |       |

15  
2,235

<sup>o</sup>  
add Elected

34  
2,269



Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the West India Committee  
held April 14<sup>th</sup> 1921

Present:- Mr R. Rutherford, Chairman  
 " Cyril Gurney.  
 " E. A. de Pass  
 " H. F. Previté  
 " S. Cameron  
 " C. Algernon Campbell.  
 Lieut. Colonel H. A. Clifton  
 Mr W. Fawcett  
 " G. M. Frame  
 Captain G. Hudson Lyall, M.B.E.  
 Mr N. Malcolmson, O.B.E.  
 " J. H. Scrutton  
 " Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G., Secretary  
 Captain G. L. Knight, Asst. "

The Minutes of the preceding meeting (March 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

|                         |              |                          |    |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----|
| Membership              | 2,250        | Subscribers              | 63 |
| Resignations, 1920      | 8            | T. E. N. Smith           |    |
|                         |              | R. D. Bannatyne          |    |
|                         |              | Hallowes & Fossetti      |    |
|                         |              | H. T. Van Laun           |    |
|                         |              | H. F. White              |    |
|                         |              | H. Brounley & Co., Ltd.  |    |
|                         |              | Frame Food Co., Ltd.     |    |
|                         |              | Rev. R. W. Charlesworth  |    |
| "                       | 1922         | R. F. Gibbs (1/1922)     |    |
| Obituary                | 4            | Hon. E. G. Bennett, K.C. |    |
|                         |              | A. W. D. Alexander       |    |
|                         |              | R. Bruce Archibald       |    |
|                         |              | J. E. Lickfold.          |    |
| Struck off              | 3            | S. W. Vander             |    |
|                         |              | W. H. Orrett             |    |
|                         |              | A. H. Spyer              |    |
| Subscriptions in Arrear | 74 for 1920. | Life Members             |    |

The following candidates (34) were elected members of the West India Committee

| Names.  | Proposers and Secondors.  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Rear-Admiral Sir Allan F. Everett, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B. (London). | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>{ Mr. Cyril Gurney.                         | Mr. J. D. Taylor (London).                 | { Mr. G. M. Frame.<br>{ Mr. R. Rutherford.           |
| Mr. A. Aemilius Richards, J.P. (Grenada).                             | { Mr. J. M. Gray, J.P.<br>{ Messrs. H. L. Ellis & Co.               | Messrs. Mann, Little & Co., Ltd. (London). | { Mr. G. M. Frame.<br>{ Mr. C. A. Campbell.          |
| Mr. P. E. Ryan (St. Kitts).   | { Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.<br>{ Mr. W. A. Stephens.                    | Mr. R. H. Curry (Bahamas).                 | { Miss Mary Moseley,<br>{ M.B.E.                     |
| The Agricultural & Commercial Society (Nevis).                        | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>{ Mr. Cyril Gurney.                         | Mr. K. S. Lockhart (St. Kitts).            | { Capt. E. V. Solomon.<br>{ The Hon. G. C. Johnson.  |
| Mr. R. Radclyffe Hall, B.A. (Barbados).                               | { Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.<br>{ Mr. L. T. Yearwood.                     | Mr. H. H. Troop (Jamaica).                 | { The Hon. B. Marshall.<br>{ Mr. E. A. de Pass.      |
| Mr. Edwin P. McCartney (Grenada).                                     | { Mr. John Barclay.<br>{ Mr. C. V. C. Horne.                        | Mr. E. Haughton Sangu'netti (Jamaica).     | { Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.<br>{ Mr. L. de Mercado.      |
| Mr. Keith M. B. Simon, J.P. (British Honduras).                       | { Mr. P. Stanley Woods.<br>{ Hon. F. W. Biddle, J.P.                | Mr. S. W. Walter (British Guiana).         | { Mr. W. Baggett Gray.<br>{ Mr. Archibald J. Brooks. |
| His Honour Mr. G. O'D. Walton (Grenada).                              | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>{ Mr. Cyril Gurney.                         | Mr. R. L. Watts (British Guiana).          | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>{ Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.   |
| Mr. W. T. Tout (British Guiana).                                      | { Consolidated Rubber and Balata Estates, Ltd.<br>{ Mr. W. A. Boyd. | Mr. G. A. Bentall (London).                | { Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.<br>{ Mr. C. V. C. Horne.   |
| Mr. F. E. Reid (St. Kitts).   | { Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.<br>{ Mr. G. Goodall.                        | Mr. Frank D. T. Alexander (Grenada).       | { Mr. A. Hayward.<br>{ Mr. J. Sydney Dash.           |
| Mr. G. C. Cassels (London).   | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.<br>{ Mr. R. Rutherford.                         | Mr. H. L. Gagnon (Guadeloupe).             | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.<br>{ Mr. J. Sydney Dash.         |
| Mr. J. H. Stark (London).   | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>{ Mr. Cyril Gurney.                         | Mr. T. J. Redhead, M.C. (Country).         | { Mr. W. C. Winston.<br>{ Mr. W. A. Boyd.            |
| Mr. H. V. F. Jones (Toronto).   | { Mr. C. Cambie.<br>{ Canadian Bank of Commerce.                    | Mrs. MacGregor (Country).                  | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>{ Mr. H. F. Previté.         |
| Mr. W. N. Meeks (Jamaica).  | { Mr. A. W. Farquharson.<br>{ Mr. L. de Mercado.                    | Mr. A. W. Davson, F.S.I. (London).         | { Mr. P. M. Davson.<br>{ Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.     |
| Mr. E. W. Mann (London).  | { Mr. G. M. Frame.<br>{ Mr. C. A. Campbell.                         | Mr. F. M. Gibson (Cuba).                   | { Mr. C. Cambie.<br>{ Canadian Bank of Commerce.     |
| Mr. G. J. A. Gloumeau (St. Lucia).                                    | { Mr. Arthur P. Skeat.<br>{ Mr. George Barnard.                     | Mr. W. Robson (Montserrat).                | { Mr. C. Griffin.<br>{ Mr. W. L. Wall.               |
|   |   | Mr. H. F. Shand (Montserrat).              | { Mr. C. Griffin.<br>{ Mr. W. L. Wall.               |
|   |   | Mr. L. A. Grant (Trinidad).                | { Mr. W. G. Kay.<br>{ Mr. C. A. Campbell.            |

The Hon: Treasurers reported the state of the Endowment Fund as follows:-

|   | L.     | s. | d. |
|---|--------|----|----|
| Contributions received since last meeting | 72     | 9  | 1  |
| Present total                             | 22,980 | 2  | 2  |
| Invested in 5% War Loan 1929/47           | 22,735 | 3  | 8  |
| Stock held                                | 25,000 | 0  | 0  |

It was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Captain G. Hudson Lyall reported that at a conference with Mr. H. M. Lister, the terms of a letter to the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding the position of Non-resident proprietors and companies under the Trinidad Income Tax Ordinance, No. 54 of 1920, had been drafted. Ordered that it be sent to the Rt. Hon Winston Churchill, P.C., M.P.

Read cablegram from the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce dated April 2<sup>nd</sup>, requesting the Committee to forward to the Secretary of State a cablegram urging the de-control of rice, the Governor of the Colony having refused to do so. Mr. John H. Timme, who attended by invitation, explained the situation, and it was ordered that a letter be written to Mr. Churchill asking for the de-control of the rice industry of British Guiana, all danger of a rice famine being now past.

The Secretary reported that meetings of those connected with the West Indian Rum trade had been held on March 10<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>, regarding the allowance for obscuration of rum, and that a proposal made at the second meeting for a sliding scale, the allowance to be 1d. per shilling of the in-bond price per proof gallon for every degree obscuration in excess of 2°; an allowance in proportion for tenths of a degree over 2°; had been submitted to the Wine and Spirit Trade Association for their consideration.

Read letters from the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce, dated March 10<sup>th</sup>, containing:-

(a) Resolution requesting the Committee to support certain representations in connection with the establishment of a separate currency for the West Indies. It was decided that this matter was too complicated for a decision at a single meeting, and consideration was deferred pending the return from the West Indies of Lieut. Colonel Van Dawson, O.B.E., who had addressed the Chamber on the subject.

(b) Resolution requesting the Committee to support a protest against the refusal of the Association of West Indian Shipping Companies to admit other lines

to their body, and it was decided to forward to the Association a copy of the Resolution of the Trinidad Chamber, & to ascertain the reason for the refusal of the Association.

Letter from Sandback Tinne & Co., regarding the limitation of shipowners' liability for pilferage, dated March 28<sup>th</sup>, was read. Consideration of this matter was deferred until next meeting.

The Secretary was authorised to write to the Commissioners of Customs, requesting that a further concession might be granted to rum under the Immature Spirits (Restriction) Act, if it appeared that, after enquiry, there was insufficient three year old rum in the Country to comply with the full provisions of that enactment.

Ordered that representations be made to the West Indian Shipping Companies as to the desirability of their granting a further reduction in freight rates.

The resignation of Mr. J. C. McCowan as Hon: Correspondent for British Guiana was accepted with much regret, & Mr. V. P. Fitzpatrick was elected an Hon: Correspondent for the Colony. Mr. A. T. Sherlock, who was present, consented to suggest the name of an additional Hon: Correspondent for British Guiana.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. H. de Cambra for his gift to the Committee of a picture of the He-Balli Rapids.

R. Rutherford.  
May 5<sup>th</sup> 1821.

|                   |          |                    |
|-------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Membership        |          | 2269               |
| less Obituary:    | 1        |                    |
| Resignations:     | 5        |                    |
| Struck off:       | <u>1</u> |                    |
|                   |          | <u>7</u>           |
|                   |          | <del>2262</del>    |
| add Elected:      | 27       |                    |
| Restored to list: | <u>2</u> |                    |
|                   |          | <u>29</u>          |
|                   |          | <u><u>2291</u></u> |

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the  
West India Committee, held May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1921.

Present: - Mr. R. Rutherford. Chairman  
" Cyril Gurney  
" H. F. Preville  
Sir Edward Dawson  
Mr. Harold de Pass.  
" W. Fawcett  
" H. J. Freeman  
Lieut. Colonel G. F. O. Lane.  
Mr. W. Watson  
" Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G., Secretary  
Captain Gilfred Knight, Asst. "

The Minutes of the preceding meeting (April 14<sup>th</sup>) were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

|                    |      |                        |  |
|--------------------|------|------------------------|--|
| Membership         | 2269 | Subscribers            | 63                                       |
| Resignations, 1921 | 5    | Mr. S. E. Moir         |  |
|                    |      | " J. H. Burnside       |  |
|                    |      | " J. G. Porter         |  |
|                    |      | Corbet, Woodall & Son. |  |
|                    |      | Major T. G. Tulloch.   |  |
|                    | 1922 | 3                      | Rev. R. Michael Jones (2/1922)           |
|                    |      |                        | Mr. A. W. Crighton (3/1922)              |
|                    |      |                        | " G. N. Kingsford, D.S.O., M.C. (4/1922) |
| Obituary           | 4    | 1                      | Mr. D. Findlay                           |
| Struck off         |      | 1                      | " D. D. Dickson.                         |
| Restored to List   |      | 2                      | " C. O. Hazell.                          |
|                    |      |                        | " D. H. Semper.                          |
| New Life Members   |      | 2                      | Dr. H. E. K. Fretz                       |
|                    |      |                        | Mr. O. V. G. Hoare                       |
| Total " "          |      | 98                     | Subscriptions in arrears for 1920. 69    |

The following candidates were admitted to Membership of the West India Committee (27):-

|  |   |                                     |  |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Mr. F. E. Wharton<br>(Trinidad).                           | { Mr. Archibald Johnston.<br>Mr. J. M. Ironside.      | Mr. E. H. Walters<br>(Country).     | { Major A. G. Kent-Johnston.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.   |
| Mr. James T. Valladares<br>(British Guiana).               | { Dr. C. J. Gomes.<br>Messrs. Pereira &<br>Gonsalves. | Messrs. Grace, Ltd.<br>(Jamaica).   | { Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. W. Morrison.             |
| Mr. H. H. Humphreys,<br>M.I.C.E. (London).                 | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.            | Mr. W. Duncan Thompson<br>(London). | { Mr. H. J. Freeman.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.            |
| Mr. Alfred E. Young,<br>F.C.G.I., A.M.I.C.E.<br>(Jamaica). | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.             | Mr. Timothy Roodal<br>(Trinidad).   | { Mr. M. Hamel-Smith.<br>Mr. A. H. Hamel-Smith.      |
| Mr. Jack Culmer<br>(Bahamas).                              | { Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.     | Mr. H. G. Trew<br>(London).         | { Mr. M. Hamel-Smith.<br>Mr. A. H. Hamel-Smith.      |
| Capt. W. F. Watson, O.B.E.<br>(Trinidad).                  | { Mr. W. Robertson.<br>Mr. R. Poyntz Mackenzie.       | Mr. O. L. Samuels<br>(Jamaica).     | { Mr. W. Morrison.<br>Mr. Alfred H. D'Costa.         |
| Mr. C. T. Trechmann<br>(Country).                          | { Captain A. R. Fellowes.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.       | Mr. J. H. Haigh<br>(Barbados).      | { Mr. J. Stanley Matthews.<br>Mr. John H. Wilkinson. |
| Mr. R. D. O'Neale<br>(Barbados).                           | { Mr. J. Connell.<br>Mr. G. E. Sealy.                 | Mr. R. M. Watson<br>(Barbados).     | { Mr. E. B. Skeete.<br>Captain A. R. Fellowes.       |
| Mr. Wesley Bailey<br>(London).                             | { Mr. W. A. Boyd.<br>Mr. H. A. Bligh.                 | Mr. A. R. S. McGrath<br>(Jamaica).  | { Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. Archibald Spooner.       |
| Mr. P. W. Verrall<br>(St. Vincent).                        | { Hon. J. M. Gray, J.P.<br>John H. Hazell, Sons & Co. | Mr. R. Nicholson<br>(Trinidad).     | { Mr. R. Archibald Johnston.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.     |
| Mrs. M. A. Andrews<br>(London).                            | { Mr. Charles Hewett.<br>Mr. L. H. Miller.            | Mr. Andrew R. Yuille<br>(Trinidad). | { Mr. Archibald Johnston.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.        |
| Mr. John O'Connor, M.C.<br>(Trinidad).                     | { Dr. C. W. Daly.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.               | Mr. J. A. Goellnicht<br>(Trinidad). | { Mr. Archibald Johnston.<br>Mr. W. Robertson.       |
| Mr. T. F. Burrows, C.B.E.<br>(London).                     | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Sir Edward Davson.            | Mr. A. J. Collier<br>(Trinidad).    | { Mr. Archibald Johnston.<br>Mr. J. M. Ironside.     |
|  |   | Mr. Eugene Delmas<br>(Trinidad).    | { Mr. Archibald Johnston.<br>Mr. W. Robertson.       |

The Hon. Treasurers reported the state of the Endowment Fund as follows:-

|   | £.     | s. | d. |
|---|--------|----|----|
| Contributions received since last meeting | 20     | 2  | 0  |
| Present total                             | 23,000 | 4  | 2  |
| Invested in 5% War Loan 1929/47           | 22,735 | 3  | 8  |
| Stock held                                | 25,700 | 0  | 0  |

It appearing that there were ample supplies of Rum in the Country for full compliance with the terms of the Immature Spirits (Restriction) Act, it was decided not to press for a further concession in respect of age.

Ordered that a letter from Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, dated April 29<sup>th</sup> regarding Grenada's Constitution, be published in the West India Committee Circular.

Read letter from the Colonial Office, dated April 12<sup>th</sup> stating that the Government of Trinidad had authorised the carrying out of proposals for increased wharfage accommodation, and for the addition of 210 goods wagons to the Railway

rolling stock, & adding that the question of increased crane power on the wharves was also being dealt with, the number of cranes at present in use for this purpose in Port of Spain being seven.

Letter from the Colonial Office dated April 29<sup>th</sup> was read, from which it was learnt with satisfaction that the American exercise books, to which attention had been drawn in the West India Committee Circular, were to be replaced in Jamaica schools.

Read letter from the Wine & Spirit Association dated April 22<sup>nd</sup>, stating that the Rum Trade were prepared to accept the scale of allowances for obscuration suggested by Mr. Douglas on April 6<sup>th</sup>, - namely, For every degree obscuration in excess of two degrees, an allowance of 1d. per shilling of the in bond price per proof gallon: the allowance for tenths of a degree over two degrees, being in proportion, - with this reservation, that should the price of rum fall to such an extent as to be out of all proportion to the duty, the Trade retained the right to re-open the matter.

Ordered that a draft of the Report of the Executive Committee for the year 1920, to be laid before the Annual General Meeting of the West India Committee on May 26<sup>th</sup>, be circulated amongst members of the Executive for their approval, & published in the West India Committee Circular

Read letter from Messrs. Nathan & Godfrey, complaining that in the Certificate of Origin for manufactured goods exported to British Guiana, the signature of the manufacturer was required in order to obtain the benefits of the Preferential tariff in that Colony. It was pointed out that the provisions in the Certificate required in the United Kingdom were the same in this respect.

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Read letter from the Colonial Office dated May 3<sup>rd</sup>, covering a copy of a despatch to the Governor of Trinidad, in which it was stated that after full consideration of all the circumstances of the suggested transfer of the Trinidad Leper Asylum from Cocorite to Chacachacare, Mr Secretary Churchill did not propose to intervene in the matter.

After a discussion on the subject of freight rates, it was decided to write to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., & to Messrs. Thos. & Jas. Harrison, pointing out that although the average price of West Indian cacao was now actually below that at which it stood in July, 1914, the rate of freight from the West Indies was over 100 per cent higher, whereas the freight on cacao from West Africa had only risen from 44/6d. to 80/-, and urging that further reductions be made, to mitigate the considerable disadvantage to which the West Indian product was thus subjected.

On the recommendation of the Hon. Treasurers, approval was given to the publication of the following books under the auspices of The West India Committee

"The Manufacture of Cane Sugar" (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.) By Jones & Seard.

"The Banana" (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.) " W. Fawcett, B. &c

A Book on Mycology " W. Nowell.

On the motion of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Sir William Trollope, Bart. for his gift to the Committee of engravings of St. Lucia & St. Kitts.

Ordered that the Seal of The West India Committee be affixed to a new telephone Agreement.

It was proposed by the Chairman & carried unanimously that Mr A. D. C. Adamson be appointed an additional Hon. Correspondent for St. Kitts, & Mr P. W. Verall, Hon. Correspondent for St. Vincent

R. Rutherford

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Membership    | 2291               |
| less Obituary | <u>1</u>           |
|               | 2290               |
| add Elected   | <u>22</u>          |
|               | <u><u>2312</u></u> |

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of  
The West India Committee, held May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1921.

Present: - Mr R. Rutherford, Chairman

" Cyril Gurney

" W. Gillespie

" E. A. de Pass

Lieut. Colonel H. H. Clifton

Sir Edward Dawson

Mr Harold de Pass

" W. Fawcett

" G. M. Frame.

" Newburn Garrett

" H. J. Freeman

Captain G. Hudson Lyall

Mr N. Malcolmson, O.B.E.

" E. Luxmoore Marshall

" R. M. Parker.

Sir Owen Philipps, G.C.M.G.

Sir William Trollope, Bart.

Mr F. H. Watson.

" Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G., Secretary

Captain Gilfed Knight, Asst. "

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (May 5) were confirmed

The Hon. Treasurers reported: -

|                  |      |   |
|------------------|------|---|
| Membership       | 2291 |   |
| Subscribers      | 63   |   |
| Resignations     | 2.   | Mr B. E. Forder (5/1922)                  |
| Obituary         | 1    | Isaac Dixon & Co (6/1922)                 |
| New Life Members | 2    | Mr Sholto H. Hare                         |
| Total " "        | 100  | Mr Alan H. Shepherd<br>" M. Howard Smith. |

The following candidates (22) were admitted to membership of The West India Committee:-

| Names.   | Proposers and Seconders.         |   |                               |
|--|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| British Sugar Beet Growers' Society, Ltd. (London).  | Mr. R. Rutherford.               | Mr. Percy A. Hurd, M.P. (London).                 | Mr. R. Rutherford.            |
| Mr. R. A. Northey (London).                          | Mr. N. Malcolmson, O.B.E.        | The Manager, the Royal Bank of Canada (Barbados). | Sir Edward Davson.            |
| Lever Bros., Ltd. (D.E.X. Export Dept.) (Liverpool). | Mr. W. A. Stephens.              | Mr. V. L. Levy (Jamaica).                         | Mr. G. M. Frame.              |
| Captain D. A. De Freitas (London).                   | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.            | Mr. Laurence A. Acheng (Trinidad).                | Mr. E. A. de Pass.            |
| Mr. Frank C. Hutson, G.I. Mech. E. (British Guiana). | Mr. A. E. Perkins, J.P.          | Mr. P. R. Stephenson (London).                    | Mr. W. Morrison.              |
| Mr. Reuben R. Gomes (British Guiana).                | Mr. W. Gillespie.                | Mr. F. Carpenter (London).                        | Mr. O. L. Samuel.             |
| Mr. H. L. Q. Henriques (London).                     | Mr. R. Rutherford.               | Mr. W. P. Humphrey (British Guiana).              | Mr. M. Hamel-Smith.           |
| Mr. M. Panday (British Guiana).                      | The Hon. D. S. De Freitas.       | Mr. A. Moody Stuart, M.C., B.A. (Country).        | Mr. A. H. Hamel-Smith.        |
| Mr. Burleigh (Dominica).                             | Mr. W. H. Parratt, M.I. Mech. E. | Mr. E. A. W. Hughes (London).                     | Dr. C. W. Daly.               |
| Mr. R. B. Woodhouse (London).                        | Mr. J. Gardner-McLean.           | Apex (Trinidad) Oilfields, Ltd. (London).         | Mr. R. Rutherford.            |
| Lieut. C. S. B. Swinley, R.N. (Barbados).            | Mr. A. S. Rohoman.               | Mr. H. G. Seaford (London).                       | Sir Edward Davson.            |
|  | Mr. H. B. Gajraj.                |   | Mr. M. Garnett.               |
|  | D. Q. Henriques & Co.            |   | Sir Edward Davson.            |
|  | Mr. R. Rutherford.               |   | Mr. M. Garnett.               |
|  | Mr. H. B. Gajraj.                |   | Mr. G. Moody Stuart.          |
|  | Mr. A. S. Rohoman.               |   | Mr. R. Rutherford.            |
|  | Mr. John T. Greg.                |   | Mr. R. Rutherford.            |
|  | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.        |   | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.     |
|  | Mr. Arthur H. Dix, O.B.E.        |   | Lieut.-Col. H. A. Clifton.    |
|  | Mr. C. L. Dumas, M.C.            |   | Capt. G. Hudson Lyall, M.B.E. |
|  | Mr. R. Rutherford.               |   | Mr. G. R. Garnett.            |
|  | Sir William Trollope, Bart.      |   | Mr. C. Algernon Campbell.     |

The question of the prohibition of rice exportation from British Guiana was again discussed, and it was decided to call a meeting of Demerara proprietors to report to the Executive on the matter. On the motion of Sir Owen Philipps, it was agreed to invite Mr. Frame, <sup>to</sup> ~~attend~~ <sup>attend</sup> who called attention to the bearing of this question on immigration.

A letter was read from the Colonial Office dated May 20<sup>th</sup>, enclosing a copy of a despatch addressed to the Governors of the West Indian Colonies (except the Bahamas and British Honduras) stating that negotiations for laying cables between Bermuda and Barbados, Trinidad and Demerara were still in train, but that in view of present working costs, it was considered desirable to postpone any definite steps for six months.

Mr. Frame called attention to the apparent cessation of Government purchases of West Indian crystallised sugar. After a discussion, it was decided to refer the matter to a meeting of members interested, to make inquiries at the Admiralty on the subject.

On the motion of the Chairman, the Hon: Donald McDonald was unanimously appointed an additional Hon: Correspondent of the West India Committee for Antigua.

The admission of The West India Committee Circular to membership of the Empire Press Union, was unanimously approved, the Chairman stating that a deputation to Mr. Winston Churchill introduced by Lord Bunsford, had warmly advocated the development of West Indian cable communication on the lines suggested by the Committee.

R. Rutherford.

June 30<sup>th</sup>: 1921.

|                              |                             |                 |               |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Membership                   |                             | 2312            |               |
| less Obituary                | 3                           |                 |               |
| Struck off                   | 3 <del>4</del> <sup>4</sup> |                 | skt<br>C.N.K. |
| Resignations <sup>1921</sup> | 2                           |                 |               |
|                              |                             | 42              |               |
|                              |                             | 2269            | skt<br>C.N.K. |
| add Elected                  | 29                          |                 |               |
| restored                     | 1                           |                 |               |
|                              |                             | 28              |               |
| Total                        |                             | <del>2297</del> | C.N.K.        |
|                              |                             | 2299            |               |

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of  
The West India Committee, held June 30<sup>th</sup> 1921

Present: Mr. R. Rutherford Chairman  
 Mr Cyril Gurney  
 " E. H. de Pass  
 " S. Cameron  
 " C. H. Campbell  
 Sir Edward Darson  
 Mr. H. J. Freeman  
 " N. Malcolmson, O.B.E.  
 " R. M. Parker  
 Sir William Trollope, Bart  
 Mr. Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G., Secretary  
 Captain Alfred Knight, Ass<sup>t</sup> "

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting were confirmed.  
 The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

|                  |      |                                    |    |
|------------------|------|------------------------------------|----|
| Membership       | 2312 | Subscribers                        | 63 |
| Resignations     | 3    | Mr. Parganand Pundit               |    |
|                  |      | Mr. G. H. Wattle                   |    |
|                  |      | Capt. J. E. Mackenzie (7/1922)     |    |
| Obituary         | 3    | Mr. H. P. Hewitt                   |    |
|                  |      | Sir Bernard Oppenheimer, Bart      |    |
| New Life Members | 1    | Mr. Matthew H. French              |    |
| Struck off       | 38   | Mr. F. Geddes Grant                |    |
|                  |      | Mr. Alfred Torrie                  |    |
|                  |      | " F. G. Burslem                    |    |
|                  |      | " H. L. Bodfish                    |    |
|                  |      | " R. H. Vernon                     |    |
|                  |      | " J. R. H. Branch                  |    |
|                  |      | " H. Branch                        |    |
|                  |      | British Guiana Farmers' Conference |    |
|                  |      | Mr. W. B. Close                    |    |
|                  |      | " D. E. Headley                    |    |
|                  |      | " W. Ascoli                        |    |

Only  
37 names

Mr. R. A. Hoban  
 " J. G. Mackenzie  
 " F. O. Tronchin  
 " W. S. Archer  
 Miss M. Skedman  
 Mrs. A. H. Dasent  
 " P. de la Bastide  
 " W. A. Gaskin  
 " C. O. Hodgkins  
 " H. Laurie  
 " O. Senior  
 " V. D. B. Henriques  
 " Ronald Macdonald  
 " S. F. Noyes

Rev. C. R. S. Pike  
 Mr. A. H. Rowley  
 " A. R. D. Vaz  
 " W. C. de Gale  
 " C. F. Harold  
 Hon. W. G. Lang  
 Mr. P. A. F. Macleod  
 " A. Evelyn  
 " G. Fraser  
 " D. A. Richards  
 " Alexandra Fraser  
 " C. V. Lindo  
 " Thomas Robb  
 " C. H. Smith

Restored to List.

Major E. F. Becker.

Subscriptions in arrears 417

The following candidates (24) were admitted to membership of the West India Committee.

| Names.   | Proposers and Seconders.   |  |  |
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| Sir Gerald Strickland,<br>G.C.M.G. (London).                         | { Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                | Mr. Charles Morrison<br>(Jamaica).                       | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.  |
| Rear-Admiral Sir Reginald<br>Hall, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.P.<br>(London). | { The Hon. Gideon Murray,<br>M.P.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.          | Mrs. Marie E. Liddell<br>(Country).                      | { Mr. Cyril Gurney.<br>Mr. Robert Rutherford.<br>Dr. the Hon. H. A.<br>Alford Nicholls, C.M.G. |
| The Rev. O. H. Parry<br>(London).                                    | { Sir Edward Davson.<br>Mr. C. Algernon Campbell.                | The Dominica Club<br>(Dominica).                         | { Mr. F. B. B. Shand.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Sir William Trollope, Bart.                     |
| Mr. Thomas Hughes<br>(Australia).                                    | { Mr. Robert Rutherford.<br>Mr. S. Cameron.                      | Capt. A. J. H. Patten,<br>M.C. (Country).                | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.   |
| Dr. C. E. Harvey<br>(Jamaica).                                       | { Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.                   | Dr. R. Wellesley Bailey,<br>F.R.C.I. (United<br>States). | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.   |
| Mr. F. L. de Pass<br>(Jamaica).                                      | { Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. A. W. Farquharson.                   | Mr. D. H. Seale<br>(Virgin Islands).                     | { Capt. A. R. H. Morrell.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.   |
| Mr. T. M. de Pass<br>(Jamaica).                                      | { Mr. L. de Mercado.<br>Mr. Archibald Spooner.                   | Major H. Hemming<br>(London).                            | { Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E.<br>The Hon. Kenneth<br>Solomon.                                    |
| Mr. Arthur M. Bramall<br>(London).                                   | { Mr. Frederic I. Scard,<br>F.I.C.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.         | Captain G. S. Tofts, F.C.S.,<br>M.Inst.M.M.              | { The Hon. D. S. De Freitas.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.  |
| Mr. A. B. Gobin<br>(Trinidad).                                       | { The Hon. the Rev. C. D.<br>Lalla.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.          | Mr. Oliver Underwood<br>(London).                        | { Mr. C. A. Campbell.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.   |
| Mr. S. Teelucksingh<br>(Trinidad).                                   | { The Hon. the Rev. C. D.<br>Lalla.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.          | Mr. Lawrence R. Twose<br>(Montserrat).                   | { Mr. Charles Griffin.<br>Mr. Rupert C. Otway.<br>Dr. W. Hewley Wharton,<br>M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. |
| Mr. A. K. Beauchamp<br>(St. Lucia).                                  | { Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.<br>Lieut.-Colonel R. Deane,<br>O.B.E. | Mr. P. D. Guyadeen<br>(British Guiana).                  | { Mr. R. M. Parker.<br>Mr. H. B. Gajraj.   |
| Mr. J. W. Biggs<br>(London).   | { Mr. A. E. Jones.<br>Mr. W. A. Boyd.                            | Mr. G. Persaud<br>(British Guiana).                      | { Mr. A. S. Rohoman.<br>Mr. R. E. Brassington.   |
| Mr. Horace V. Myers<br>(Jamaica).                                    | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.                        | Mr. C. R. Jacob<br>(British Guiana).                     | { Mr. W. S. Jones.<br>Mr. H. B. Gajraj.<br>Mr. A. S. Rohoman.                                  |
|  |  | Mr. E. R. Jansen<br>(British Guiana).                    |  |



The progress of the Endowment Fund was reported by the Hon. Treasurers to be as follows:—

|                                  | £.     | s. | d. |
|----------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| Contributions since last Meeting | 124    | 1  | 10 |
| Present total                    | 23,104 | 4  | 0  |
| Invested in 5% War Loan, 1929/47 | 22,435 | 3  | 8  |
| Stock held                       | 25,750 | 0  | 0  |

The Committee proceeded to the election of Officers for the year, pursuant to Article V of the Royal Charter of Incorporation. On the motion of Sir Edward Dawson, seconded by Mr. C. H. Campbell, it was decided to dispense with a Ballot. Mr. R. Rutherford was proposed by Mr. Cyril Gurney, seconded by Mr. E. H. de Pass, and unanimously elected Chairman. Mr. Cyril Gurney was unanimously elected Deputy Chairman, on the motion of Sir Edward Dawson, seconded by Mr. C. H. Campbell. The Chairman then proposed the election of the following gentlemen as Honorary Treasurers:— Mr. William Gillespie, Mr. Thomas Greenwood, Mr. E. H. de Pass, & Mr. H. F. Previte. This was seconded by Mr. N. Malcolmson, O.B.E., and carried unanimously.

The Chairman referred to the great success of the banquet given by the West India Committee to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G. at the Hyde Park Hotel on June 24<sup>th</sup>, the Right Hon. the Earl of Harewood, K.C.V.O., President of the West India Committee, presiding, and moved ~~that~~<sup>GRAC</sup> a vote of thanks to the Secretary and the Staff of the West India Committee for the trouble they had taken in the matter. This was unanimously agreed to.

It was reported that following meetings of the Jamaica Standing Committee, and at the request of the Jamaica Imperial Association, Mr. E. H. de Pass, Mr. H. Crum Ewing

and the Secretaries accompanied Mr Robert Craig, Mr A. H. D'Costa, Mr W. Morrison and Mr Ernest Kerr to the Colonial Office, and represented to Mr G. E. H. Grindle, C.B., C.M.G. & Mr E. R. Darnley the urgent need of curtailing expenditure in view of the serious financial position of Jamaica. A memorandum embodying the various points raised was subsequently forwarded to the Colonial Office. To this the Secretary of State replied under date June 22<sup>nd</sup> that he would scrutinise very carefully any proposed financial commitments of the Colony; that the Governor had been informed that it was desirable to postpone all but absolutely necessary railway works; and that the introduction of the Central Sugar Factory Loan Bill would afford the <sup>Legislative</sup> Council an opportunity of reviewing the scheme. This reply was regarded as extremely satisfactory, and the action of the Jamaica Standing Committee was approved.

On the motion of Mr Cyril Gurney, Major-General H. E. Sandbach was nominated as a member of the Jamaica Standing Committee

The Secretary reported that a letter had been sent to the Colonial Office on June 16<sup>th</sup> calling attention to an objectionable clause in the Grenada Income Tax Ordinance, No. 11 of 1921, which empowers the Assessment Committee to enter business premises and examine books. This letter was approved. With regard to the Trinidad Ordinance (No. 54 of 1920), it was decided that a letter from Messrs. Henckell Du Buisson & Co., suggesting that the Trinidad Government might be requested to accept assessments made in the United Kingdom on the three years average basis, be referred to the Trinidad Income Tax sub-committee for consideration on receipt of a reply to the Committee's representations regarding the Ordinance.

The Secretary reported that the Committee had made representations through the Empire Press Union and the Royal Colonial Institute, pointing out the serious effect the proposed increased charges for postal rates on printed matter would have on British propaganda in the Colonies. It was learnt with satisfaction that these proposals were subsequently dropped, and an extra annual expenditure of £160 to the Committee thus obviated.

Sir Edward Dawson reported that at a meeting of British Guiana proprietors held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, it was decided that it would not be desirable for the Committee, as such, to make any further representations regarding the decontrol of rice in British Guiana at the present time, but after the lapse of a reasonable time, enquiry should be made as to the Governor's reply to the Committee's previous representations.

A letter dated May 21<sup>st</sup> and signed by Mr R. E. Davis of the St. Vincent Cotton Growers' Society was laid on the table. Agreed that it would be beyond the scope of the activities of the West India Committee to assist in the formation of a combine with the object of stabilising the price of Sea Island Cotton.

Read letters from Messrs. Nathan & Godfrey regarding the high rate of freights charged by the various shipping companies, and taking exception to the "exhas and conditions the various companies are imposing." In view of the fact that the pilferage clause was now almost general, it was agreed to concentrate on endeavouring to secure a reduction in freight rates generally, and to address a letter to the Shipping Conference on the subject. Mr Cameron consented to represent to the Shipping Conference the Committee's position. Ordered that a letter be addressed to the Colonial Office, asking what steps were being taken to obviate

double payment of Excess Profits Duty in British Guiana and the United Kingdom.

It was reported that a meeting of merchants & brokers interested in West Indian crystallised sugar had been held on June 29<sup>th</sup> to consider the question of the sale of sugar to the Admiralty, & that it had been then decided to write to the Government brokers, urging a reversion of <sup>to</sup> the pre-war custom of sale by auction in this connection, & asking that adequate samples of suitable marks might be invited from merchants through their brokers in the event of the Admiralty requiring sugars to arrive.

Mr R. Montgomery Parker stated that he had participated in a Deputation from the British Empire Producers' Organization, which had waited on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to urge the remission of duties on Power Alcohol. Ordered that a letter be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies requesting him to support the request that alcohol, for power purposes, imported from the British Colonies, might be relieved from the incidence of the duties and surtax.

R. Rutherford.

July 28. 1921

Membership 2297

less:- Obituary 1

Resignations 1

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2295

add:- Restored to List 3

Elected 13

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the West India Committee  
held: July 28<sup>th</sup> 1921

Present:- Mr R. Rutherford, Chairman  
 " Cyril Gurney  
 " E. A. de Pass  
 " H. F. Preville  
 Lieut. Colonel H. H. Clifton  
 Mr. W. Fawcett  
 " G. M. Frame  
 Lieut. Colonel G. H. O. Lane  
 Captain G. Hudson Lyall, M.B.E.  
 Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall  
 " F. H. Watson  
 " Algernon Hespinal, C.M.G., Secretary  
 Captain Clifford Knight, Asst. "

The Minutes of the preceding meeting (June 30<sup>th</sup>) were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

|   |         |  |    |
|---|---------|--|----|
| Membership,                                     | 2297    | Subscribers                                  | 59 |
| Resignations                                    | 3       | Mr. H. L. Humphrys                           |    |
|   |         | " H. H. Dawes (8/1922)                       |    |
|   |         | " T. H. Sharp (9/1922)                       |    |
|   |         | " W. H. Corbell                              |    |
| Obituary  | 1       |  |    |
| Restored to list                                | 3       | Mr. G. Johnston                              |    |
|   |         | " J. G. Mackenzie                            |    |
|   |         | " H. Evelyn                                  |    |
| Life Members                                    | 2       | Mr. Carter Rey                               |    |
|   |         | Rear Admiral Sir R. Hall, C.B., M.P., C.M.G. |    |
| Subscriptions in arrears                        | 364.    |  |    |
| Endowment Fund contributions since last Meeting | £12.    | 11s.   | 8d |
| present total                                   | £23,116 | 15s  | 8d |
| invested  | £22,957 | 3s.  | 8d |
| being   | £25,950 | stock  |    |

The following candidates (13) were admitted to membership of the West India Committee:-

| Names.  | Proposers and Seconders.  |
|---|---|
| Mr. J. N. Fox<br>(British Guiana)               | Dr. W. Hewley Wharton,<br>M.R.C.S.                                |
| Mr. J. Arnold Meade<br>(London)                 | Mr. W. A. Boyd,<br>Mr. William Gillespie,                         |
| Mr. J. A. Scharfe<br>(Canada)                   | Mr. H. K. F. Smith,<br>Mr. Aubrey Evelyn.                         |
| Mr. W. A. Slack, M.B.,<br>Ch.B. (Edin.) (Nevis) | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.<br>The Hon. F. H. Watkins,<br>I.S.O.        |
| Mr. T. Albert Marryshow<br>(Grenada)            | Mr. Aubrey Evelyn.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.                           |
| Mr. T. G. Westall<br>(St. Lucia)                | Mr. H. F. Previté.<br>Mr. G. O. M. O'Reilly.                      |
| Mrs. J. J. Camacho<br>(Antigua)                 | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.<br>Mr. W. Gillespie.                    |
| Mrs. Rapsey<br>(Trinidad)                       | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.<br>Mr. H. F. Previté.                   |
| Mr. E. R. L. Henderson<br>(Dominica)            | Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. F. Woolward.                            |
| The Grenada Chamber of<br>Commerce (Grenada)    | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.<br>Mr. John Barclay.                    |
| Mr. F. W. Hopkinson<br>(British Guiana)         | Mr. C. V. C. Horne.<br>Mr. J. B. Cassels, M.B.E.                  |
| Mr. C. W. J. Imbert<br>(London)                 | Mr. A. P. G. Austin<br>Mr. G. O. M. O'Reilly.                     |
| Mr. J. A. Davis<br>(Trinidad)                   | Mr. Arthur Balderamos.<br>Mr. Edgar Tripp.<br>Mr. M. P. Maillard. |

Read correspondence with the Association of West India Trans-Atlantic Steam Ship Lines on the subject of West Indian freight rates. Ordered that a further letter be addressed to the Association, pointing out how much lower the rates from West Africa were than those from the West Indies to the United Kingdom. <sup>C.N.S.</sup> ~~Object~~ <sup>was also raised</sup> to the system of primage. It was decided to publish the correspondence in the West India Committee Circular.

Read letters dated July 15<sup>th</sup> from the Colonial Office, stating that the Order in Council with regard to the double payment of Excess Profits Duty was awaiting the receipt of a despatch from the Government of British Guiana, which was expected shortly; and as regards East Indian immigration into that Colony, that the Government of India had now announced their willingness to send a deputation of three persons to British Guiana this autumn.

Read letter from the Colonial Office.

dated July 14 regarding the United Kingdom's duties on spirits for power and industrial purposes. The Secretary reported the position with regard to this question in the light of the new clause added to the Finance Bill on July 18<sup>th</sup> as set out in the West India Committee Circular No. 595, pp. 296, 301, & 302

Mr. R. Rutherford, Mr. E. A. de Pass, Mr. G. M. Frame & the Secretary were appointed a Sub-Committee to meet Mr. McDonald and Mr. Lyle, Sugar Refiners, and discuss with them the question of the drawback on refined sugar with special reference to Mr. E. A. de Pass's suggestion that the Government might be induced to give drawbacks at full duty rate where sugar users could show that they had bought during the period more foreign sugar than the total of their exports.

Read letter from the British Empire Sugar Machinery Manufacturers' Association (July 5<sup>th</sup>) forwarding a report on the proposed preferential treatment of British Sugar Machinery. Ordered that the attention of the Association should be called to the fact that in Trinidad British sugar machinery was admitted free, whilst foreign was taxed 5 per cent ad valorem; also that in the new Tariff Bill now under consideration in Barbados, it was proposed to provide for duties of 10 and 20 per cent on British and foreign machinery respectively.

Read letter from Mr. George Hughes (July 26<sup>th</sup>) regarding Molasses. Decided to write to the Board of Agriculture, asking if they could see their way to issue a leaflet explaining the advantages of this product.



A letter of thanks was read from the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce for the action taken by the Committee in the matter of rice control in British Guiana.

Sir Edward Danson, Mr H. F. Prentice and Mr G. Hudson Lyall were appointed a Sub-Committee to discuss with Mr T. F. Burrows, C. B. E. of British Guiana, late Comptroller of Customs, Nigeria, a proposal for securing administrative union in the West Indies with special reference to the Customs Departments.

R. Rutherford.

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1921.

Membership 2311  
less:- Obituary 7  
Resignation 1      8  
2303

add:- Restored to list 1  
Elected 23      24  
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of the West India  
Committee, held September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1921.

Present: Mr R. Rutherford. Chairman  
 " W. Gillespie  
 " H. F. Prentice  
 " T. Greenwood.  
 " E. R. Campbell  
 Lieut. Colonel H. H. Clifton  
 Mr. G. M. Frange  
 " H. J. Freeman  
 Lieut. Colonel G. F. O. Lane.  
 Captain G. Hudson Lyall, M.B.E.  
 Mr E. Luxmoore Marshall  
 Mr R. Montgomery Parker  
 " A. W. Rogers  
 " F. H. Watson. Mr Paul Cressall (by invitation)  
 " Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G. Secretary  
 Captain Gilfred Knight, Assistant Secretary

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (July 28<sup>th</sup>)  
were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

| Membership         | 2311. | Subscribers                 | 60. |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Resignations, 1921 | 1     | Mr John Wilson              |     |
| 1922               | 4     | Mr B. S. Davis (10/1922)    |     |
|                    |       | E. F. Braham, Ltd. (11/ " ) |     |
|                    |       | Mr E. P. Boyce (12/ " )     |     |
|                    |       | " B. F. King (13/ " )       |     |
| Obituary           | 7     | Sir William Hollope Bart.   |     |
|                    |       | Mr C. Guy Wyatt             |     |
|                    |       | " H. K. F. Duncan           |     |
|                    |       | " S. V. Meggs.              |     |
|                    |       | " J. D. Smart Dalgleish     |     |
|                    |       | Mr Justice N. F. Briggs     |     |
| Restored to List   | 1     | " Francis Agostini          |     |
| Life Member        | 1     | " H. L. Humphrys            |     |
|                    |       | " H. B. & Austin.           |     |

The following candidates were admitted to membership of the West India Committee (23)

| Names.                                 | Proposers and Seconders.       |   |                               |
|--|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Mr. J. Woodley Slack (Jamaica).        | Mr. T. Geddes Grant.           | Mr. H. S. Metzgen (British Honduras).   | Mr. P. Stanley Woods.         |
| Mr. H. A. Boyce (Barbados).            | Mr. Fred G. Grant.             | Mr. Frederick Williams (Camerouns).   | Mr. F. R. Dragten.            |
| Mr. Thomas E. Guy (British Guiana).    | Mr. T. Geddes Grant.           | Mr. James C. Bovell (Barbados).   | Mr. F. Evans.                 |
| Mr. John Dopson (Trinidad).            | Mr. Fred G. Grant.             | Mr. Percy G. Glendinning (Trinidad).  | Mr. W. K. A. J. C. Hunter.    |
| Constitutional Trust, Ltd. (London).   | Mr. L. M. Hobson.              | Mr. Cyril C. H. Cuff, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. (E) (St. Lucia). | Hon. A. Percy Haynes.         |
| Dr. Christopher G. Gooding (Barbados). | Mr. Julius Vigour.             |   | Mr. John R. Bovell.           |
| Rev. C. Julian (St. Kitts).            | Mr. L. M. Hobson.              |   | Mr. Dickson Fraser.           |
| Mr. F. Landreth Smith (St. Kitts).     | Mr. M. Hamel Smith.            |   | Mr. D. McBride.               |
| Mr. J. B. Simmons (St. Kitts).         | Mr. F. A. C. Collymore, M.B.E. | Dr. C. Bruce Dear (St. Lucia).  | Mr. Archibald Brooks.         |
| Mr. Stanley Veira (St. Kitts).         | Mr. H. A. Bovell.              | Willock, Reid & Co., Ltd. (Glasgow).  | Hon. W. Peter.                |
| Davies, Turner & Co., Ltd. (London).   | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.          | Joseph Travers & Sons, Ltd. (London).   | Hon. R. E. Brassington.       |
| Mr. F. A. Donaldson (Trinidad).        | Mr. Clarence Wattley.          | Mr. V. Pinnock Bailey, D.D.S. (U.S.A.).   | Mr. E. R. Campbell.           |
|  | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.          | Mr. Addison Lankester (Jamaica).  | Mr. R. Rutherford.            |
|  | Hon. W. M. Wigley.             | Mr. C. S. T. Spence (Dutch Guiana).   | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.     |
|  | Mr. Alan Shepherd.             |   | Dr. R. Wellesley Bailey.      |
|  | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.          |   | Mr. R. Rutherford.            |
|  | Mr. P. E. Ryan.                |   | Capt. G. Hudson Lyall, M.B.E. |
|  | Mr. R. Rutherford.             |   | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.     |
|  | Mr. Athelstan Watson.          |   | Mr. J. J. Kirke.              |
|  | Mr. C. B. Sayles.              |   | Mr. R. Kirke.                 |
|  | Mr. John Grant.                |   |                               |

On the motion of the Chairman, it was unanimously resolved:-

That the Executive of the West India Committee in meeting this day assembled, desire to record the deep regret with which they have learnt of the death of their colleague, Sir William Henry Trollope, Bart., and that a letter of sincere condolence be addressed to Lady Trollope and the family.

The Hon. Treasurers reported the progress of the Endowment Fund as follows:-

|   |          |     |     |
|---|----------|-----|-----|
| Contributions received since last meeting | £28.     | 8s. | 0d. |
| Present total                             | £ 23,145 | 3   | 8d. |
| Invested in 5% War Loan 1929/47           | 22,957   | 3   | 8   |
| Stock held                                | 25,950   | 0   | 0   |

An agreement with the City and Westminster Properties, Ltd. for an extension for a further period of one year of the Committee's tenancy of their present offices was approved.

A discussion took place regarding the Certificates of Origin required by the West Indian Governments

"That the Executive of The West India Committee,  
"having considered resolutions on the subject, submitted  
"to them by the President of the Associated West Indian  
"Chambers of Commerce, desire to urge His Majesty's  
"Government, and the Governments of the British West  
"Indian Colonies, to make such arrangements as may  
"be reasonably certain to ensure the continuance of  
"the existing reciprocal preferences in the Customs  
"duties for a definite period of years."

in connection with the preferential tariffs resulting from the Canada - West Indies Trade Agreement, 1920. A letter addressed to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies dated September 15<sup>th</sup>, urging him to recommend to the Governments concerned that the term "supplier" might be taken to connote exporters on the form put forward by the Imperial Customs Conference, was approved.

Consideration of a resolution supporting the new "Hague Rules," 1921, dealing with shipowners' liability for pilferage and loss was deferred, the Secretary being instructed to circulate copies of the Rules for members' consideration.

Read letter from Sir Edward Dawson, dated August 11<sup>th</sup>, inviting the support of the Committee to resolutions of the West Indian Chambers of Commerce in favour of a Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom & the British West Indies for a term of years. The question was raised as to whether the British Government was constitutionally empowered to enter into an agreement with her Crown Colonies. It was decided to support strongly the endeavour of the West Indian Chambers to secure a continuance of the Imperial Preference given by the United Kingdom.

A letter from Sir William Gallagher, H. M. Commissioner of Customs & Excise, enclosing for the confidential information of members draft regulations under the Finance Act, 1921, regarding the sale, supply and importation of Power Methylated Spirits, was laid on the table.

Correspondence on the subject of the Income Tax Ordinances of Trinidad & Grenada was read. Decided to defer further representations regarding the Trinidad

Ordinance pending receipt of a draft of the amending Ordinance, which, it was understood, would embody many of the points urged by the Committee. In the case of the Guernsey Ordinance, it was decided to write to the Colonial Office, urging the passage of an amending Ordinance to provide for the proportionate refund of tax paid when the actual income is less than the assessment on the basis of which the tax has been fixed.

Read letter (August 19<sup>th</sup>) from the Association of West India Trans Atlantic Steam Ship Lines, stating that in the matter of freight rates they were prepared to deal with any cases of hardship brought to the notice of their members. The Secretary reported that the Association had been asked to inform the Committee of any changes made in freight charges from time to time. The question of rebates was raised, and mention was made of the fact that it had been recently under discussion in the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce.

Correspondence with the Board of Customs and the Port of London Authority was read regarding delay in the delivery of sugar polarisations. The Secretary reported that no reply had been received from the P. L. A. to the Committee's representations.

Read letter of thanks from the Jamaica Imperial Association for action taken regarding that Island's financial position. Mention was made of the fact that following the Committee's representations, to the Colonial Office, the scheme for the erection of a Central Sugar Factory in St Thomas at an estimated cost of £300,000 to £500,000 had been abandoned.

The nomination of the Chairman & Secretary to the Executive Council of the British Empire Exhibition, 1923, was approved.

A letter (August 18) sent to the Jamaica Imperial Association regarding the spirit duties in the United Kingdom, was read and approved. It was agreed that the Committee should co-operate in any efforts made by the Wine and Spirit Association and the Whisky Association towards securing a reduction in the duties.

Mr. R. M. Parker called attention to a new British Guiana Sea Defences Ordinance, certain clauses of which he regarded as confiscatory. Decided to refer the matter to a meeting of Demerara Proprietors for their consideration.

The Chairman stated that he had been co-opted a Governor of the West Indian Agricultural College, and added that Mr. Aspinall had been appointed Secretary of that institution. The College had been incorporated under the Companies Acts, and it was proposed that the Registered Offices should be at 15, Seething Lane. Approved unanimously.

R. Rutherford.  
Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>: 1921.



Membership 2327

less Obituary 5

Resignations 1

Struck off 3

9  
2318

add Elected 25

Restored to list 1

26  
2344

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of  
The West India Committee held October 20<sup>th</sup> 1921

Present: Mr R. Rutherford, Chairman  
 " Cyril Gurney  
 " W. Gillespie  
 " E. H. de Pass  
 " S. Cameron  
 Sir Edward Dawson  
 Mr W. Fawcett  
 " G. M. Frame  
 " M. Garnett  
 " H. J. Freeman  
 " F. H. Watson  
 " Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G., Secretary  
 Captain Gilfred Knight, Assistant "

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (September 22)  
were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurer reported:—

|                     |      |                               |       |
|---------------------|------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Membership          | 2327 | Subscribers                   | 61    |
| Resignations (1921) | 1    | Mr Sayad Abdul Aziz           |       |
| (1922)              | 9    | " C. Prudhomme David          | 14/22 |
|                     |      | Sir F. J. Clarke, K.C.M.G.    | 15.   |
|                     |      | Mr G. H. Clarke               | 16    |
|                     |      | " G. E. Clarke                | 17    |
|                     |      | Rev. J. L. Ramson             | 18    |
|                     |      | Mr James H. Laing             | 19    |
|                     |      | " G. J. Machado               | 20    |
|                     |      | " S. D. Benabu                | 21    |
|                     |      | Edwin Fischel & Co., Ltd.     | 22    |
| Obituary            | 5.   | Mr W. Morison                 |       |
|                     |      | " Julian H. Mahon             |       |
|                     |      | * Luke M. Hill, M. Inst. C.E. |       |
|                     |      | Sir Joseph Savory, Bart.      |       |
|                     |      | Mr Hamilton Rolfe             |       |

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|--------------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| Life Member, additional  | 1   | Hon. Harcourt Malcolm, K.C.  |
| Struck off               | 3   | M <sup>r</sup> G. B. Goodall |
|                          |     | " F. E. Reid                 |
|                          |     | " Bruce Austin               |
| Restored to List         | 1   | " H. A. Baron                |
| Subscriptions in arrears | 139 |                              |

The following Candidates (25) were admitted to Membership of the West India Committee

| Names.   | Proposers and Seconders.    |  |
|--|-----------------------------|--|
| The Rt. Hon. Lord Morris, K.C.M.G., K.C. (London). | { Mr. Gay C. Edghill.       | Mr. Justice M. J. Berkeley (British Guiana).   |
| Mr. R. Bradley (Trinidad).                         | { Mr. G. B. Evelyn.         | Mr. C. A. Campbell, D.V.S. (Jamaica).          |
| Mr. G. N. D. Sinclair (London).                    | { Mr. Archibald Johnston.   | Mr. James Cardin (St. Kitts).                  |
| Mr. J. R. Rosado, J.P. (British Honduras).         | { Mr. A. J. Collier.        | Mr. Thomas Manchester (St. Kitts).             |
| Mr. T. C. Hepburn (Jamaica).                       | { Mr. G. H. Arthur.         | Mr. J. T. Riccalton (London).                  |
| Mr. C. E. Maingot (Montserrat).                    | { The Hon. G. Elliot Sealy. | Mr. Harold T. Martin (Country).                |
| His Honour C. F. Condell (Montserrat).             | { The Hon. Sydney Cuthbert. | Messrs. Arthur & Co. (Export), Ltd. (Glasgow). |
| Mr. E. D. Bynoe (Montserrat).                      | { Mr. P. Stanley Woods.     | Major J. E. King-Church (London).              |
| Mr. T. H. Kelsick (Montserrat).                    | { Mr. W. Alfred Jones.      | Mr. R. Arbutnot-Leslie (London).               |
| Mr. L. L. Loving (Montserrat).                     | { Mr. W. Gillespie.         | Mrs. B. M. Fowler (London).                    |
| Mr. H. Garfield Rock (Montserrat).                 | { Mr. K. P. Penchoen.       | Mr. M. M. Auchinleck (Antigua).                |
| Mr. A. W. Gallwey (Montserrat).                    | { Mr. H. R. Howes.          | Mr. E. L. H. McLeod (London).                  |
| Mr. Percy Scully (Jamaica).                        | { Mr. K. P. Penchoen.       | Dr. A. F. M. Berkeley.                         |
|  | { Mr. S. W. Howes.          | Sir Edward Davson.                             |
|  | { Mr. K. P. Penchoen.       | Mr. W. Gillespie.                              |
|  | { Mr. O. G. Bladen.         | Mr. R. Rutherford.                             |
|  | { Mr. H. R. Howes.          | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.                          |
|  | { Mr. K. P. Penchoen.       | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.                      |
|  | { Mr. W. L. Wall.           | Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.                          |
|  | { Mr. K. P. Penchoen.       | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.                      |
|  | { Mr. Charles Mercer.       | Mr. W. Gillespie.                              |
|  | { Mr. K. P. Penchoen.       | Mr. C. Gurney.                                 |
|  | { Mr. H. R. Howes.          | Sir Edward Davson.                             |
|  | { Mr. Manley T. Lopez.      | Mr. R. Rutherford.                             |
|  | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.        | Mr. S. Cameron.                                |
|  |                             | Mr. Kenneth Reid.                              |
|  |                             | Mr. E. A. de Pass.                             |
|  |                             | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.                      |
|  |                             | Mr. C. Gurney.                                 |
|  |                             | Mr. G. F. R. Harris Harragin.                  |
|  |                             | Sir Edward Davson.                             |
|  |                             | Mr. S. W. Howes.                               |
|  |                             | Mr. K. P. Penchoen.                            |
|  |                             | Mr. Kenneth Reid.                              |
|  |                             | Mr. R. Rutherford.                             |

Read letter from Lady Trillope expressing her thanks for the sympathy of the Committee in her bereavement

The Hon. Treasurers reported the total of the Endowment Fund to be £23,150. 6s. 2d.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Cyril Gurney, M<sup>r</sup> J. Harrison Hughes was unanimously elected a member of the Executive Committee, pursuant to Article 6 of the Charter of Incorporation.

Read letters from the Colonial Office regarding the Grenada Income Tax Ordinance, No. 11 of 1921, (October 15<sup>th</sup>), stating that a copy of the Committee's representations had been sent to the Governor of the Windward Islands; and regarding the British Guiana Excess Profits Tax (September 27) stating that the Government of that Colony would accept the

Board of Inland Revenue's conditions as to a reciprocal arrangement.

The Secretary reported that no further information was yet available regarding the question of Certificates of Origin, which was still the subject of correspondence. Most of the West Indian Colonies had agreed to accept the signature of the Manufacturer or Supplier, although the Government of British Guiana still insisted on that of the former.

The Secretary reported that a meeting of British Guiana proprietors had been held on October 18<sup>th</sup> to consider the new Sea Defences Bill of that Colony. Decided that, if the objections of the British Guiana Sugar Planters' Association to the measure had not already been met, a letter should be sent to the Colonial Office, urging its emendation.

Read a letter from the Ceylon Association (September 28<sup>th</sup>), requesting the Committee's support in a protest against the appointment of Sir J. Masterman-Smith, K.C.B. as Permanent Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and against the proposal to appoint High Commissioners to control certain groups of Colonies. Resolved unanimously that no action be taken.

Read a letter of thanks from the British Guiana Chamber of Commerce (August 29<sup>th</sup>) for the Committee's action in connection with the prohibition of rice exportation from that Colony.

M<sup>r</sup> E. A. de Pass raised the question of the liability of the Port of London Authority for losses of rum entrusted to their care. Reference having been made to previous correspondence on the subject, culminating in an agreement with the P.L.A. reached in January, 1920, the Secretary was instructed to ascertain how the agreement was being carried out.

Read letter from the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, inviting the Committee to appoint a representative to serve on the Council, Decided to ask Captain G. Hudson Lyall, M. B. E. to act in this capacity.

Ordered that a copy of the following resolution, which was moved by the Chairman and carried unanimously, be sent to the Colonial Office:-

"That, in view especially of the fact that the British West Indian Colonies have recently granted a substantial measure of Preference in the Customs duties on goods of British origin & manufacture, amounting in some cases to as much as 50 per cent., in order to develop trade between those colonies and the mother country, the West India Committee desires again to emphasise the pressing need which exists for the resumption of direct passenger & mail communication between the United Kingdom and the British West Indies by a British line of steamers and to urge His Majesty's Government to give this matter their immediate attention."

R. Rutherford  
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: 1921.

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|---------------|----|------|
| Membership    |    | 2344 |
| less Obituary | 1  |      |
| Resignations  | 1  | 2    |
|               |    | 2342 |
| add Elected   | 31 |      |
| Restored      | 1  | 32   |
|               |    | 2374 |

Minutes of a Meeting of The Executive of The West India  
Committee, held November 17<sup>th</sup> 1921

Present: Mr Robert Rutherford, Chairman  
 " Cyril Gurney  
 " E. H. de Pass  
 Lieut. Colonel I. B. Dartson, O.B.E.  
 Mr. W. Fawcett, B. Sc.  
 " G. M. Frame  
 " M. Garnett  
 " H. J. Freeman  
 " N. Malcolmson, O.B.E.  
 " H. W. Rogers  
 " G. Moody Stuart  
 " F. H. Watson.  
 " Algernon Aspinwall, C.M.G., Secretary  
 Captain Lillfred Knight, F.R.S. "

Minutes of the preceding Meeting (October 20<sup>th</sup>) were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

|                          |      |                                 |    |
|--------------------------|------|---------------------------------|----|
| Membership               | 2344 | Subscribers                     | 60 |
| Resignations, (1921)     | 1    | Hon. Frank H. Keefer            |    |
| (1922)                   | 3    | Mr R. Shand (23/1922)           |    |
|                          |      | " Andre' R. Lange (24/ " )      |    |
|                          |      | Dr John Sterry, O.B.E. (25/ " ) |    |
| Obituary                 | 1    | Mr Edgar Tripp                  |    |
| Restored to list         | 1    | " E. C. Buck, M.I.C.E.          |    |
| Subscriptions in arrears | 149  |                                 |    |

The Chairman referred to the great loss which The Committee had suffered through the death of Mr Edgar Tripp, and moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr Cyril Gurney and carried unanimously: -

"That the Executive of The West India Committee hereby records their deep regret at the death of Mr Edgar Tripp, for

"Nearly 25 years their Honorary Correspondent in  
 "Trinidad, and their sense of appreciation of his  
 "valuable services in that capacity, and that the  
 "expression of their sincere sympathy in the loss  
 "which it has sustained, be conveyed to the family."

The Secretary read the minutes of a Meeting of the Jamaica Standing Committee held on November 9<sup>th</sup>, and it was agreed that Messrs Fred L. Myers & Son be informed that The Committee could not see their way to supporting this proposal for a compulsory bonding period in Jamaica for rum consumed locally, this being primarily a matter for consideration in the Island by those interested. Regarding their suggestion that steps should be taken to secure a reduction in the rum and sugar duties, it was decided to inform them of the action taken in respect of the spirit duties in cooperation with the Wine & Spirit Association & the Whisky Association, and to point out that a reduction in the sugar duties would involve a corresponding reduction in the tariff preference accorded to Empire sugar.

The following candidates (31) were elected to membership of The West India Committee

|   |                                 |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Mr. H. P. Flack<br>(London).                                  | Mr. W. A. Boyd.                 | Mr. André du Boulay<br>(St. Lucia).                  | Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.               |
| Mr. Nat Forte<br>(London).                                    | Mr. H. A. Bligh.                | Captain Nathaniel Forte.                             | Lieut.-Colonel Robert<br>Deane, O.B.E. |
| Messrs. Gomes Bros.<br>(British Guiana).                      | Mr. Gay C. Edghill.             | Mr. R. G. H. Clarke<br>(St. Lucia).                  | Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.               |
| Mr. G. W. C. Hulse<br>(British Honduras).                     | Mr. H. B. Gajraj.               | Mr. J. T. de Coteau<br>(St. Lucia).                  | Lieut.-Colonel Robert<br>Deane, O.B.E. |
| Mr. R. K. Masson<br>(British Honduras).                       | Mr. A. S. Rohoman.              | Mr. William Frank<br>(St. Lucia).                    | Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.               |
| Mr. Vyvyan Grey-Wilson<br>(British Honduras).                 | The Hon. A. M. Usher,<br>M.B.E. | Messrs. Macfarlane,<br>Junior, & Co. (St.<br>Lucia). | The Hon. William Peter.                |
| Brig.-Gen. C. E. Rice,<br>C.B.E., D.S.O. (British<br>Guiana). | Mr. F. Aurelie Vargas           | Mr. A. R. A. Beaubrun<br>(St. Lucia).                | Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.               |
| Mr. A. H. Yearwood<br>(Barbados).                             | The Hon. A. M. Usher,<br>M.B.E. | Mr. O. M. Francis<br>(St. Lucia).                    | Lieut.-Colonel Robert<br>Deane, O.B.E. |
| Mr. A. W. H. Hall<br>(Trinidad).                              | The Hon. James Cran,<br>O.B.E.  | Mr. Bruce Skinner<br>(Country).                      | Mrs. H. H. Sealy.                      |
|   | The Hon. A. M. Usher,<br>M.B.E. | Mr. Gordon Graham<br>(Dominica).                     | Mr. Robert Rutherford.                 |
|   | Mr. S. Wolffsohn.               |  | Mr. L. Lambert Bell.                   |
|   | Mr. C. A. Campbell.             |  | Mr. E. Luxmoore Marshall.              |
|   | Mr. E. R. Campbell.             |  |  |
|   | Mr. W. F. Mandeville.           |  |  |
|   | Mr. W. E. Mandeville.           |  |  |
|   | Mr. Edgar Tripp.                |  |  |
|   | Mr. Geo. F. Huggins,<br>O.B.E.  |  |  |



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| Messrs. Glenfield & Kennedy, Ltd. (Scotland). | Mr. E. C. Buck, M.I.C.E. | Messrs. W. & T. Avery Ltd. (Country). | Mr. E. C. Buck, M.I.C.E.           |
| Mr. W. A. Peterkin (Trinidad).                | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.  | Dr. A. W. Lewis (St. Vincent).        | Mr. Robert Rutherford.             |
| Mr. T. Harrison Hughes (London).              | Dr. J. Aldric Perez.     | Mr. C. E. F. Richards (St. Vincent).  | Mr. P. W. Verrall.                 |
| Mr. G. W. Harris (Jamaica).                   | Mr. Mewburn Garnett.     | Mr. Alfred G. Hazell (St. Vincent).   | Messrs. John H. Hazell, Sons & Co. |
| Mr. H. G. Hill (Bermuda).                     | Mr. R. Rutherford.       | The Kingstown Club (St. Vincent).     | Mr. P. W. Verrall.                 |
| Mr. J. F. Snow (London).                      | Mr. Cyril Gurney.        |                                       | Messrs. John H. Hazell, Sons & Co. |
| Mr. L. A. Ryan (St. Kitts).                   | Mr. A. W. Farquharson.   |                                       | Mr. P. W. Verrall.                 |
| Messrs. Drury & Allen (London).               | Mr. L. de Mercado.       |                                       | Messrs. John H. Hazell, Sons & Co. |
|   | Dr. H. Wellesley Bailey. |                                       | Mr. P. W. Verrall.                 |
|   | Mr. Mewburn Garnett.     |                                       | Messrs. John H. Hazell, Sons & Co. |
|   | Mr. W. A. Boyd.          |                                       | Mr. P. W. Verrall.                 |
|   | Mr. H. A. Bligh.         |                                       | Messrs. John H. Hazell, Sons & Co. |
|   | Mr. P. E. Ryan.          |                                       | Mr. P. W. Verrall.                 |
|   | Mr. K. S. Veira.         |                                       | Messrs. John H. Hazell, Sons & Co. |
|   | Mr. J. H. Scrutton.      |                                       |                                    |
|   | Messrs. Paines & Reid.   |                                       |                                    |

Read letter dated October 24<sup>th</sup> from the Imperial Shipping Committee, inviting the views of the West India Committee regarding the deferred rebate system. Resolved that a memorandum on the lines of one submitted by Mr Rogers, calling attention to the disadvantages of the system, be sent in reply.

The liability of shipowners on Bills of Lading, as defined by the new Hague Rules, having been discussed, it was Resolved:-

That the Executive of The West India Committee approves the Hague Rules in principle and recognises them as a basis for the settlement of the respective liabilities and rights of shipowners and merchants under bills of lading.

Read letter from the Association of West India Trans-Atlantic Steam Ship Lines (October 22<sup>nd</sup>) stating that information regarding freight rates would in future be supplied to The West India Committee by the individual lines.

Read letter from Messrs. Sandbach, Finne & Co. (November 2<sup>nd</sup>), suggesting that Chinese indentured labour be obtained for British Guiana. Agreed that in view of the facts that the Indian Government were sending a Deputation to the Colony to report as to the desirability of establishing a system of free Colonisation

in that Colony, and that there was unemployment in many parts of the West Indies, the time was inopportune to support the proposal.

Mr H. J. Freeman reported an interview with Mr Bushe, the legal adviser of the Colonial Office, regarding Income Tax legislation in the British West Indies. Decided to prepare a memorandum for submission to the Colonial Office, calling attention to the desirability of securing uniform Income Tax legislation (obviating the double payment of Income Tax) in the Crown Colonies & those possessions not enjoying responsible government, & to invite the support of the Ceylon Association & the Association of British Malaya to the project.

R. Rutherford.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1921.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of The West  
India Committee, held December 15<sup>th</sup> 1921.

Present:- Mr. Robert Rutherford, Chairman  
 " Cyril Gurney  
 " E. A. de Pass  
 " H. F. Preité  
 " J. Cameron  
 " C. A. Campbell  
 " Evan R. Campbell  
 Lieut. Colonel H. A. Clifton  
 " " Ivan Dawson, O.B.E.  
 H. Crum Ewing, ~~Esq.~~  
 W. Fawcett, ~~Esq.~~ e.d.v.  
 H. J. Freeman, ~~Esq.~~  
 Captain G. Hudson Lyall, M.B.E.  
 N. Malcolmson, O.B.E.  
 E. Luxmoore Marshall  
 H. W. Rogers  
 G. Moody Stuart  
 F. H. Watson  
 C. F. Wood.  
 Algernon Aspinall C.M.G., Secretary  
 Captain Clifford Knight, Asst. "

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>)  
were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

|            |      |                     |    |
|------------|------|---------------------|----|
| Membership | 2374 | Subscribers         | 59 |
| Obituary   | 3    | Mr. D. G. F. Temple |    |
|            |      | " E. C. Skinner     |    |
|            |      | " H. Wakefield      |    |

Membership

2374

less Obituary 3

Struck off 15

18

2356

add Elected 14

Restored 1

15

2371

Resignations (1922). 9

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Mr M. J. Bovell                     | 26/1922 |
| Dr J. S. Maynard                    | 27/ "   |
| Mr. H. H. Flint                     | 28/ "   |
| " J. E. Sheadrick                   | 29/ "   |
| Sir F. Merewether, K.C.V.O., C.M.G. | 30/-    |
| Mr L.C.C. Hobson                    | 31/     |
| " J. H. Orsini                      | 32/     |
| " H. R. Ling                        | 33/     |
| " W. Macdonald                      | 34/     |

Additional Life Member Mr C. S. T. Spence.  
(Total, 106)

Restored to List Captain W. F. R. McRae

Removed from List 15.

|                     |
|---------------------|
| Mr Charles Hutson   |
| " Parbhoo Sawh      |
| " Lancelot McMillan |
| " Percy George      |
| " K. J. S. Harris   |
| " G. F. W. Jeffers  |
| " W. M. Morton      |
| " A. E. Mackie      |
| " A. H. Brinton     |
| " R. A. Fitzwilliam |
| " D. C. D. Hindson  |
| " Philip Francis    |
| " H. C. Linton      |
| " L. S. Smith       |
| Hon. D. T. Wint.    |

Subscriptions in arrears 118

The following Candidates (14) were admitted to Membership of The West India Committee:-

| Names.                                | Proposers and Seconders.   |  |   |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Mrs. Stanley Woolrych (London).       | { Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                                      | Miss E. Joyce Isaacs (London).                 | { Mr. Robert Craig.<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass.         |
| Mr. D. R. Clacken (Jamaica).          | { Mr. R. B. Daly.<br>Messrs. E. A. de Pass & Co.                                     | Mrs. Henrietta S. Adamson (Country).           | { Mr. A. D. C. Adamson.<br>Mr. William Gillespie. |
| Mr. L. Lywood (British Guiana).       | { Mr. John Macdonald.<br>Mr. C. Farrar.  | Mr. R. E. Batson, M.B., Ch.B. Edin. (Country). | { Mr. D. A. Knight, M.A.,<br>Ch.B.                |
| The Dominica Free Library (Dominica). | { The Hon. H. A. Alford<br>Nicholls, C.M.G., M.D.<br>Mr. H. H. Vivian<br>Whitchurch. | Messrs. H. L. Savory & Co., Ltd. (London).     | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. A. E. Perkins.        |
| Mrs. E. M. Cooper (Ireland).          | { Mr. H. P. Flack.<br>Mr. H. A. Bligh.   | Mr. Herbert W. F. Temple (Country).            | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. H. Crum Ewing.        |
| Mr. W. H. Fox (London).               | { Mr. W. A. Boyd.<br>Mr. H. P. Flack.  | Mr. J. C. Du Boulay (St. Lucia).               | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.  |
|                                       |  | Mr. O. R. Kelsick (Montserrat).                | { The Hon. G. Lafitte.<br>Mr. K. P. Penchoen.     |
|                                       |  | Mr. H. T. North (Bermuda).                     | { Mr. H. R. Howes.<br>Mr. K. P. Penchoen.         |
|                                       |  |  | { Mr. H. R. Howes.                                |

Colonel Sir Samuel Wilson, K.B.E.,  
 C.B., C.M.G., ~~now attended~~ Governor Elect of Trinidad,  
 now attended by invitation, and was welcomed by  
 the Chairman, & the members took the opportunity  
 to express their views regarding the questions of  
 Income Tax, Mail facilities, etc. in that Island.

The Chairman called attention to  
 the betrothal of Her Royal Highness Princess Mary,  
 to Viscount Lascelles, son of the President of  
 The West India Committee. It was agreed that  
 it would be desirable to mark the Committee's  
 gratification on this auspicious occasion, and  
 that the President be asked whether a joint gift  
 to H.R.H. and ~~Princess Mary~~ <sup>Viscount Lascelles</sup> would be acceptable.

A memorandum, which had been  
 prepared by the Income Tax Sub-Committee for dis-  
 patch to the Colonial Office, was approved.

It having been reported that  
 Mr. D. B. P. K. Pillai, M.L.C. and Mr. P. V. N. Tiwary,  
 delegates from India, were now in or on their way to  
 this Country en route for British Guiana to report  
 on the suitability of that Colony for Indian immigration,  
 it was decided to invite them to attend at a meeting  
 of the British Guiana Sub-Committee.

Read a letter from the Colonial  
 Office (November 30<sup>th</sup>) in reply to The Committee's representations  
 regarding the repatriation of distressed West Indians in this  
 Country. The Secretary reported that the Steamship Companies  
 had been approached in the matter, & had promised to give  
 passages to a number of these men.

The question of appointing an Hon. Correspondent of the Committee in Trinidad in succession to the late Mr. Edgar Tripp, was considered. Mr. A. W. Rogers, who was leaving for that Island on December 31<sup>st</sup>, undertook to make inquiries during his stay, regarding this matter.

Letter from the Jamaica Agricultural Society (November 21<sup>st</sup>) was read, regarding the Cable quotations for Orange Oil and other Jamaica produce in the home market. The Secretary reported that arrangements had been made, by means of which, it was hoped, more accurate quotations would in future be given.

R. Rutherford.  
January 15. 1822.

|               |    |      |
|---------------|----|------|
| Membership    |    | 2371 |
| less Obituary | 1  |      |
| Resignations  |    |      |
| (31.12.21)    | 34 |      |
| Resignations  |    |      |
| (19.1.22)     | 15 |      |
|               |    | 50   |
| add Elected   |    | 2321 |
|               |    | 18   |
|               |    | 2339 |



Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of The  
West India Committee, January 19<sup>th</sup> 1922

Present: - Mr. Robert Rutherford, Chairman.  
 " Cyril Gurney  
 " W. Gillespie  
 " E. H. de Tass  
 " S. Cameron  
 " E. A. Campbell  
 Lieut. Colonel H. H. Clifton  
 " " Ivan B. Dawson, O.B.E.  
 Mr. W. Fawcett, B. Sc.  
 " G. M. Frame  
 " H. J. Freeman  
 " Norman Malcolmson, O.B.E.  
 " Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G., Secretary  
 Captain Gilfred Knight, Asst. "

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (Dec. 15. 1921)  
were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported: -

|              |      |                               |    |
|--------------|------|-------------------------------|----|
| Membership   | 2371 | Subscribers                   | 58 |
| Resignations | 15 - | Law Union & Rock Insurance Co |    |
|              |      | Trinidad Produce Co., Ltd.    |    |
|              |      | Mrs. Howard                   |    |
|              |      | E. H. Walters                 |    |
|              |      | F. J. Shand                   |    |
|              |      | Major Harold Heming           |    |
|              |      | F. D. T. Alexander            |    |
|              |      | H. D. Gill                    |    |
|              |      | John Brice                    |    |
|              |      | W. Mearns                     |    |
|              |      | F. T. Ince                    |    |
|              |      | E. Baynes                     |    |
|              |      | S. Ewen                       |    |
|              |      | Rt. Hon. Lord Pirrie          |    |
|              |      | J. R. Osborne                 |    |

| Names.   | Proposers and Seconders.   |
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| Dr. Q. B. de Freitas,<br>M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.<br>(British Guiana).     | { Mr. W. M. B. Shields.<br>Dr. C. J. Gomes.                      |
| Mr. D. J. Derrell<br>(St. Lucia).                                    | { Mr. C. Jongue.<br>Mr. W. C. Clauzel.                           |
| Professor F. Hardy<br>(Barbados).                                    | { Mr. H. H. Hart.<br>Mr. A. E. Collens, F.I.C.,<br>F.C.S.        |
| Andrew Barclay, Sons &<br>Co., Ltd. (Country).                       | { Mr. E. A. de Pass.<br>Mr. R. Rutherford.                       |
| Mr. W. C. Andrew<br>(St. Lucia).                                     | { Mr. W. C. Clauzel.<br>Mr. Claude Jongue.                       |
| Mr. James Sanderson<br>(Barbados).                                   | { Mr. W. R. Shilstone.<br>Mr. J. D. Murray.                      |
| Mr. Alexander Fitzpatrick<br>(Barbados).                             | { Mr. W. R. Shilstone.<br>Mr. A. A. Evelyn.<br>Lt.-Col. O. H. E. |
| Major C. F. S. Maclaverty,<br>D.S.O. (Jamaica).                      | { Marescaux.<br>Mr. Lionel De Mercado.                           |
| Mr. George D. Henriques,<br>J.P. (Jamaica).                          | { Major S. S. Stedman.<br>Mr. E. A. de Pass.                     |
| Messrs. Mackenzie, Stewart<br>& Co. (Manchester), Ltd.<br>(Country). | { Mr. A. F. Hammond.<br>Mr. H. J. Freeman.                       |
| Mr. F. J. Foster<br>(London).  | { Mr. W. Duncan Thompson<br>Mr. H. J. Freeman.                   |
| Mr. Arthur H. Rowland<br>(Canada).                                   | { Mr. R. E. Calder.<br>Mr. J. Brookfield.                        |
| Major Edmund R. Branch,<br>M.D. (St. Kitts).                         | { Mr. E. J. Shelford.<br>Mr. G. H. Yearwood.                     |
| Dr. R. A. Hoyte, M.B.,<br>Ch.B. (St. Lucia).                         | { Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.<br>Lt.-Col. R. Deane, O.B.E.          |
| Lt.-Col. G. I. Hinds<br>Howell, C.M.G. (London)                      | { Mr. R. Rutherford.<br>Mr. Cyril Gurney.                        |
| Mr. F. N. Phipps<br>(London).  | { Messrs. C. Tennant, Sons<br>& Co.<br>Mr. H. J. Freeman.        |
| Mr. George S. Best<br>(Cameroons).                                   | { Mr. F. Williams.<br>Mr. F. Evans.                              |
| Messrs. Smith & Earle<br>(London).                                   | { Messrs. C. Tennant, Sons<br>& Co.<br>Mr. H. J. Freeman.        |

|                                 |   |                        |      |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|------|
| Obituary                        | 1 | Mr Lee Lum             |      |
| Life Members                    | 2 | Mr F. H. Farquharson   |      |
| (additional)                    |   | " William Robert Scott |      |
| Total Life Members              |   |                        | 108. |
| Subscriptions in arrears (1921) |   |                        | 107  |

The following candidates (18) were admitted to membership of The West India Committee  
See opposite:-

Read letter dated January 12<sup>th</sup> from the Colonial Office, inviting The West India Committee to nominate representatives to give evidence before an Inter-Departmental Committee, which had been appointed, in accordance with The West India Committee's suggestion, to report on the question of Income Tax in the Colonies in connexion with that in Great Britain.

On the recommendation of the Income Tax Sub-Committee, the following gentlemen were nominated to attend at the Colonial Office on January 23<sup>rd</sup>: - Mr Cyril Cursey, Mr H. J. J. Freeman, Captain G. Hudson Lyall, M.B.E., Mr A. O. Chudleigh & the Secretary.

Read three cablegrams sent to Mr F. H. de Pass by the Jamaica Imperial Association, regarding a deputation which it was proposed to send to this country, and urging the Committee to cooperate with the Royal Colonial Institute and the British Empire Producers Organization in an attempt to obtain an increased preference in the duties on sugar grown within the Empire. After a discussion, it was decided to appoint a Sub-Committee comprising the Chairman, &

Deputy Chairman, Mr. E. A. de Pass, Mr. N. Malcolmson, O.B.E. Lieut. Colonel Ivan Dawson, O.B.E., Mr. S. Cameron & Mr. F. R. Campbell to consider the ~~upside~~ question and report to the Executive. In the meantime it was agreed to reply to the Jamaica Imperial Association, stating what steps were being taken and adding that in the opinion of the Executive any press propaganda would, at the present juncture, be undesirable in view of the economic and political situation.

On the motion of Mr. Malcolmson, it was agreed to approach the Port of London Authority and to urge for a reduction in dock charges.

It was decided to continue to press for a reduction, whenever possible, in the rates of freight for the West Indies from this country.

R. Rutherford.  
February 16: 1922.

Membership 2339

Obituary 2

Resignations 4

Struck off 2

8  
2331

Elected 11

Restored to List 1

12  
2343

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of The West  
India Committee, held February 16<sup>th</sup> 1922.

Present: Mr Robert Rutherford, Chairman

" Cyril Lurney.

" W. Gillespie

" E. A. de Pass

" H. F. Rivité

" S. Cameron

Lieut. Colonel H. A. Clifton

" " Ivan Dawson, O.B.E.

Mr Harold de Pass

" G. M. Frame

" H. J. Freeman

" Newburn Garrett

" N. Malcolmson, O.B.E.

" Algernon Hopinall, C.M.G., Secretary

Captain Gifford Knight. Asst. "

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (January 19<sup>th</sup>)  
were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

|                          |      |                                   |    |
|--------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|----|
| Membership               | 2339 | Subscribers                       | 59 |
| Resignations             | 4    | New Schoonard Sugar Pl. Co., Ltd. |    |
|                          |      | Mr. C. H. Bagot                   |    |
|                          |      | " G. E. L. Poulden                |    |
| Obituary                 | 2    | Thomson Hickman & Co., Ltd.       |    |
|                          |      | Sir Hylton Brisco, Bart.          |    |
| Restored to List         | 1    | Mr. G. H. Piraudeau               |    |
| Struck off               | 2    | Major H. Hemming, A.F.C.          |    |
|                          |      | Mr. Jack Culmer                   |    |
|                          |      | " Wesley Bailey                   |    |
| Subscriptions in Arrears |      | 94 for 1921.                      |    |

The following candidates (11) were admitted to Membership of The West India Committee:-

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|--|---|--|
| Mr. J. H. Allwood<br>(Jamaica).                  | } | Mr. Alfred H. D'Costa.                       |
| Mr. J. R. McDowell<br>(Montserrat).              |   | Mr. E. A. de Pass.                           |
| Miss Lillian M. Penson,<br>B.A., Ph.D. (London). |   | Mr. O. G. Bladen.                            |
| Mr. W. F. Gouda<br>(London).                     |   | Mr. T. H. Kelsick.                           |
| Mr. G. R. Stevens<br>(Jamaica).                  |   | Mr. R. Rutherford.                           |
| Dr. J. Foreman<br>(St. Kitts).                   |   | Mr. H. F. Previté.                           |
| Mr. R. P. Daggett<br>(British Guiana).           |   | Messrs. Lewis & Peat.                        |
| Mr. R. E. Rhodes<br>(British Guiana).            |   | Mr. E. A. de Pass.                           |
| Mr. W. Macauley<br>(British Guiana).             |   | Mr. R. Rutherford.                           |
| Mrs. Jessie A. Evered<br>(Dominica).             |   | Mr. E. A. de Pass.                           |
| Mr. E. H. Alcock<br>(Dominica).                  |   | Mr. R. Rutherford.                           |
|  |   | Mr. W. Gillespie.                            |
|  |   | Mr. John Macdonald.                          |
|  |   | Mr. L. Lywood.                               |
|  |   | Mr. John Macdonald.                          |
|  |   | Mr. L. Lywood.                               |
|  |   | Dr. W. Hewley Wharton,<br>M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. |
|  |   | Mr. James W. Gemmel.                         |
|  |   | Hon. H. A. Alford Nicholls,<br>C.M.G., M.D.  |
|  |   | Mrs. J. F. Johnson.                          |
|  |   | Hon. H. A. Alford Nicholls,<br>C.M.G., M.D.  |
|  |   | Mr. H. H. Vivian<br>Whitchurch.              |

On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. Alick Hamlyn was unanimously appointed Honorary Correspondent of The West India Committee in Trinidad in succession to the late Mr. Edgar Tripp.

Read a letter from the Imperial Shipping Committee dated February 6<sup>th</sup> regarding Freight rates from the British West Indies. Resolved to invite the Steamship Companies concerned to send representatives to confer with a Sub-Committee, on which the following members were appointed to serve:- Lieut. Colonel Ivan B. Dawson, D.B.E., Mr. E. A. de Pass, Mr. G. M. Frame, & Mr. Norman Malcolmson, O.B.E. It was further decided to include, in any representations to be made regarding a reduction in freight rates, the case of the direct services between England & the Bahamas, in accordance with a request from the Chamber of Commerce of that Colony.

G.N.K.
 A letter written to the Port of London Authority on February 7<sup>th</sup> ~~was approved~~ urging ~~for~~ a ~~reduction~~ G.N.K. reduction in Dock charges, was approved. Correspondence with the Jamaica Imperial Association, in which that body called attention to the very high charges for bonded warehouse room, was read, & it was decided to approach the Port Authority regarding this also.

G.N.K.
 Read letter forwarded by Messrs. Curtis Campbell & Co., from a firm of engineers, in which it was stated that one of the Crown Agents for the Colonies had made derogatory remarks regarding the financial stability of British Guiana. Decided to request Sir James Masterton-Smith, <sup>K.C.B.</sup> Permanent Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, to grant an interview to the Chairman (~~and~~ the Deputy Chairman) and the Secretary on this subject.

The Secretary reported that members of the Income-Tax Sub-Committee had given evidence before the Inter-Departmental Committee appointed to consider Colonial Income-tax questions. The decision of the Sub-Committee to welcome a proposal for a flat rate of tax in the Colonies for non-resident taxpayers, such rate not to exceed half that in force in the United Kingdom, was approved.

The Secretary reported meetings of the Sub-Committee appointed to report on the preferential duties on



Sugar in this country, on January 24<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
 It was decided to hold a further meeting <sup>of the Sub-Committee</sup> on February 21<sup>st</sup>  
 when a draft letter to the Colonial Office could be  
 considered, and a plan drawn up for consultation with  
 the British Empire Producers' Organization & the Royal Colonial  
 Institute later in the week.

R. Rutherford.

March 23. 1922.

Membership 2343  
less Obituary 1  
Resignations 5  
Struck off 5  
11  
2332  
  
add Elected 13  
13  
2345

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of  
The West India Committee March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1922

Present:- Mr. R. Rutherford  
 " W. Gillespie  
 " H. F. Prestige  
 " T. Greenwood  
 " S. Cameron  
 Lieut. Colonel H. H. Clifton  
 " " Ivan Dawson, O.B.E.  
 Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.  
 " G. M. Frame  
 " H. J. Freeman  
 " Mewburn Garrett  
 " Norman Malcolmson, O.B.E.  
 " E. Luxmoore Marshall  
 " F. H. Watson.  
 " Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G. Secretary.  
 Captain Alfred Knight Asst. "

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (Feb<sup>14</sup> 1922) were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported:-

|                     |      |  |        |
|---------------------|------|--|--------|
| Membership          | 2343 | Subscribers  | 58     |
| Resignations (1922) | 5    | Col. Sir Roger Parkington, J.P., D.L.<br>Escoffier, Ltd. |        |
|                     |      | Mr. J. Z. Mayhew   |        |
|                     |      | " Benjamin Gairfort                                      |        |
|                     |      | " H. H. Hewelken, J.P.                                   |        |
| (1923)              |      | A. S. Aquilar & Bros                                     | 1/1923 |
|                     |      | Dr. G. Drummond Robson                                   | 2/1923 |
|                     |      | Mr. E. Dutchman  | 3/1923 |
|                     |      | " J. B. Elmslie  | 4/1923 |

Mr. Otto Oppenheimer  
(London)

Mr. Rees P. Harries  
(Tobago)

Lieut.-Colonel A. R. Davis  
(London)

Mr. J. M. Brodie  
(Mauritius)

Capt. the Hon. R. Plunkett-Erle-Erle-  
Drax, D.S.O., R.N. (Country)

Mr. E. N. Walcott  
(Country)

Mr. J. Fowler  
(Trinidad)

Messrs. Edward W. Turner & Son  
(Country)

Hon. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G.  
(British Guiana)

Mr. F. A. Corea  
(St. Vincent)

Mr. W. R. Murray  
(Country)

Rev. James Williams  
(London)

Mr. James Stewart  
(Country)

Mr. A. Hersch  
" W. Gillespie

" Robert S. Reid  
" John B. Murray

" W. Gillespie  
" W. A. Griffin

{ Hon. Allan Granum, C.M.G.  
Hon. H. A. Tempory, D.Sc., F.I.C., F.C.S.

Mr. R. Rutherford  
" Cyril Gurney

" Robert Strong  
" Gerald O. Case

" Bernard T. Bonynge  
" F. J. Morris

" M. Garnett  
" W. Gillespie

" R. Rutherford  
" M. Garnett

{ Messrs. Dawson, Shores, Purch & Co.  
" Jonas Broune & Son

Mr. E. A. Haggart  
Lieut.-Colonel Ivan Dawson, O.B.E.

Lieut. Colonel Ivan Dawson, O.B.E.  
Mr. M. Garnett

Mr. H. J. Freeman  
" F. LeXmoor Marshall

(The Hon: Treasurers reported:—)

|            |   |  |
|------------|---|--|
| Obituary   | 1 | Mr W. R. Spence  |
| Struck Off | 5 | The B.W.I. & General Trading Co.<br>Mr W. S. Le Grand<br>Captain E. H. Quin<br>Lord Morris.<br>Mr Frank Highfield. |

Subscriptions in arrears 81 for 1921

The following candidates (13) were admitted to membership of the West India Committee:—  
(See opposite)

Read a letter (January 16<sup>th</sup> 1922) from Captain G. Hudson Lyall, M.B.E., tendering his resignation as a member of the Executive. On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was carried unanimously:—  
Resolved: That the Executive accept with regret the resignation of Captain G. Hudson Lyall, M.B.E. as a member of their body and record their appreciation of the legal advice which he has kindly given them from time to time in that capacity.

Correspondence with the Port of London Authority regarding Dock charges was laid on the table. [See Circular, March 16<sup>th</sup> 1922]

The Secretary read a letter from Sir James Masterlow-Smith, K.C.B., Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, stating that the Official referred to in the preceding Minutes had denied making the derogatory remarks regarding the solvency of British Guiana attributed to him. The Secretary added that a copy of this letter had been sent to

Messrs Curtis, Campbell & Co., who had not suggested that any further action should be taken.

The Chairman reported proceedings of the Sugar Preference Sub-Committee, and a letter dated March 14<sup>th</sup> addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, urging that the rate of preference be increased to  $33\frac{1}{3}$  per centum, ~~for~~ the next ten years, and that the substantive amount of the preference be not lowered below the present figure, namely in the case of 96° test sugar, £3-15-0- per ton, was approved.

A draft letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, urging a reduction in the spirit duties, was read and subject to minor modifications, approved.

It was agreed that The Committee, having suggested that there was no dietetic necessity for establishing a bonding period for rum, could not now see their way to suggest that full compliance with the Immature Spirits Restriction Act should be enforced with respect to this spirit.

Correspondence with the Board of Customs (March 1<sup>st</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>) was read. The Board pointed out that a differentiation was already made between Rum and imitation rum in the annual Trade Returns, and it was agreed that they should be asked to arrange for a similar differentiation in the monthly returns in view of the possible danger of the importation of imitation rum from Germany made of beet-sugar.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and/or the Board of Customs, urging that British cacao shipped to the Continent and/or the United Kingdom on optional Bills of Lading, should be admitted to preferential treatment in this Country.

Correspondence with Mr W. P. B. ~~She~~<sup>C. H. H.</sup> Shepherd, regarding the incidence of Excess Profits Duty on West Indian settled Estates, was laid on the table. It was agreed that no action could be usefully taken at this juncture. The Secretary reported that an Order in Council had been issued regarding double payment of Excess Profits Duty in British Guiana and the United Kingdom (See Circular, March 16<sup>th</sup>, page 122)

It was agreed to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, requesting that British molasses may be admitted free of duty for industrial purposes other than the manufacture of food or foodstuffs.

Read letters from the Colonial Office (March 9<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>) inviting the Committee to undertake the arrangements for repatriating distressed West Indians, the Board of Trade having declined to continue to do so. It was understood that the Colonial Office would refund cost of passages and incidental expenses and the Secretary reported that in anticipation of the Committee's favourable decision, fifteen men had already been repatriated. It was agreed unanimously that the invitation of the Secretary of State for the Colonies be accepted.

|               |   |      |
|---------------|---|------|
| Membership    |   | 2345 |
| less Obituary | 6 |      |
| Resignations  | 2 |      |
|               |   | 8    |
|               |   | 2337 |
| add Elected   |   | 42   |
|               |   | 2379 |



Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of The West India  
Committee held, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1922

Present: - Mr. Robert Rutherford, Chairman

" Cyril Lurney

" H. F. Prentice

" S. Cameron

Sir Edward Dawson

Lieut.-Colonel Ivan Dawson, O.B.E.

Mr H. Crum Ewing

" W. Fawcett, B. Sc.

" G. Mac<sup>g</sup> Frame

" H. J. J. Freeman

" A. Harrison Hughes

Lieut. Colonel G. A. O. Lane

Mr N. Malcolmson, O.B.E.

" R. M. Parker

" G. Moody Stuart

" F. H. Watson.

Mr Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G. Secy  
Captain Rupert Knight, Asst. "

The Minutes of the preceding meeting (March 23<sup>rd</sup>) were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported: -

|                         |        |  |  |
|-------------------------|--------|--|--|
| Membership              | 2,345  | Subscribers                                | 59   |
| Resignations (1922)     | 2      | Angostura Bitters, Ltd.                    |  |
|                         |        | Mr W. H. Bushell                           |  |
|                         | (1923) | 1  | J. L. Morison, Sons & Jones, Ltd. (5/1/23) |
| Obituary                | 6      | Mr. P. Lechmere Guppy                      |  |
|                         |        | " J. J. Rodrigues                          |  |
|                         |        | General J. A. Bell-Smythe, C.B., C.M.G.    |  |
|                         |        | Mr. A. Johnson                             |  |
|                         |        | " W. Macaulay                              |  |
|                         |        | " Harris C. Bernard.                       |  |
| Additional life Members | 4      | Hon. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G.                |  |
|                         |        | Mr S. A. Hawkins                           |  |
|                         |        | Major F. R. Branch, M.D.                   |  |
|                         |        | Captain P. Erskine-Kate-Drax, D.S.O., R.N. |  |

Subscriptions in arrears

48 for 1921  
580 " 1922

The following candidates (42) were admitted to membership of The West India Committee.

|  |                                      |  |   |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Mr. D. Ransch<br>(British Guiana).         | Mr. L. Lywood.                       | Mr. J. C. Ginder<br>(Country).                                 | Lieut.-Colonel Ivan<br>Davson, O.B.E.       |
| Mr. Albert Stewart<br>(Trinidad).          | Mr. John Macdonald.                  | His Grace the Arch-<br>bishop of the West<br>Indies (Antigua). | Mr. H. F. Previté.                          |
| Mr. J. Hamlyn Hoadley<br>(Trinidad).       | Mr. Alick G. Hamlyn.                 | Mr. Conway E. Steele<br>(Africa).                              | Mr. R. Rutherford.                          |
| Mr. L. L. Roberts<br>(Trinidad).           | Mr. John Grant.                      | Messrs. Andrews, Gilles-<br>pie & Co. (Liverpool).             | Mr. Cyril Gurney.                           |
| Mr. J. W. Fraser<br>(British Guiana).      | Mr. Alick G. Hamlyn.                 | Capt. Thomas H. Irving<br>(British Guiana).                    | Mr. W. M. Steele.                           |
| Mr. A. Hamilton Roberts<br>(Trinidad).     | Mr. John Grant.                      | Mr. E. S. Mason<br>(Barbados).                                 | Mr. C. V. C. Horne.                         |
| Mr. J. B. Laing<br>(London).               | Mr. A. F. A. Clairmonte.             | Mr. Roger de Verteuil<br>(Trinidad).                           | Messrs. Sandbach, Tinne<br>& Co.            |
| Mr. William Mackay<br>(Trinidad).          | Mr. Henry H. Baird.                  | Mr. H. F. Pilgrim<br>(Trinidad).                               | Mr. W. Gillespie.                           |
| Mr. Southby Hewitt<br>(London).            | Mr. A. F. A. Clairmonte.             | Mrs. Hannam<br>(New York).                                     | Mr. F. I. Scard, F.I.C.                     |
| Mr. John H. Peach<br>(British Honduras).   | Mr. Henry H. Baird.                  | Major N. Godfrey Pigott<br>(Country).                          | Mr. E. M. Walcott.                          |
| Mr. J. Herbert Poole<br>(Trinidad).        | Mr. A. F. A. Clairmonte.             | The Hon. Henry de<br>Minvielle (St. Lucia).                    | Mr. M. H. Smith.                            |
| Mr. A. Clayton Smith,<br>M.C. (Trinidad).  | Mr. Henry H. Baird.                  | Mr. T. P. Evelyn<br>(Jamaica).                                 | Mr. S. Browne.                              |
| Mr. James Forbes<br>(Trinidad).            | Mr. Thomas Smellie.                  | Mr. Louis A. Hamilton<br>(Jamaica).                            | Mr. C. P. Rojas.                            |
| Mr. A. G. P. Blair<br>(Trinidad).          | Mr. Paul Cressall.                   | Messrs. J. L. Wild &<br>Co., Ltd. (London).                    | Mr. Alexander Rae.                          |
| Mr. R. H. Black<br>(Trinidad).             | Mr. Frank H. Johnson.                | Mr. T. Jobson<br>(Brazil).                                     | Mr. Frank C. Hutson.                        |
| Mr. G. T. Rock<br>(Trinidad).              | Mr. Thomas Boyd.                     | Mr. R. J. Burrell<br>(Country).                                | Mr. A. C. Broughton,<br>A.M.I.M.E.          |
| Mr. William Somerville<br>(Trinidad).      | Mr. Thomas Boyd.                     | Lt.-Col. A. C. Macdonald,<br>D.S.O., M.Inst.C.E.<br>(London).  | Mr. Fred Driver.                            |
| Mr. Lewis O. Inniss<br>(Trinidad).         | Captain A. R. Fellowes.              | Mr. L. R. Sharples,<br>M.B., Edin. (British<br>Guiana).        | Mr. George Moody Stuart.                    |
| Mr. Alexander Gordon<br>(Trinidad).        | Mr. R. Rutherford.                   |  | Mr. R. M. B. Parker.                        |
| Mr. Noel W. J. Miller<br>(Trinidad).       | Mr. Henry S. Schnarr.                |  | Mr. H. F. Previté.                          |
| Mr. Alexander Mathison<br>(Trinidad).      | The Hon. James Cran,<br>O.B.E., M.D. |  | Hon. G. Laffitte, J.P.                      |
| Mr. W. Douglas Inniss,<br>M.A. (Trinidad). | Mr. Alick G. Hamlyn.                 |  | Mr. Henry Devaux, J.P.                      |
| Messrs. Grannum & Co.<br>(Barbados).       | Mr. Arthur J. Hamlyn.                |  | Mr. A. L. Evelyn.                           |
| Mr. E. H. Biffen<br>(Barbados).            | Mr. Alick G. Hamlyn.                 |  | Mr. H. Berger.                              |
|  | Mr. W. Robertson.                    |  | Mr. H. Crum Ewing.                          |
|  | Mr. Alick G. Hamlyn.                 |  | Mr. Cyril Gurney.                           |
|  | Mr. Arthur J. Hamlyn.                |  | Mr. R. Rutherford.                          |
|  | Mr. P. G. Glendinning.               |  | Mr. H. Crum Ewing.                          |
|  | Mr. Alick G. Hamlyn.                 |  | Mr. Arthur E. Morrish.                      |
|  | Mr. James Fraser.                    |  | Mr. Alfred J. Watts.                        |
|  | Mr. Alick G. Hamlyn.                 |  | Mr. George Moody<br>Stuart.                 |
|  | Mr. Arthur J. Hamlyn.                |  | Mr. R. Rutherford.                          |
|  | Mr. Henry Dow.                       |  | The Hon. C. Clementi,<br>C.M.G.             |
|  | Mr. Alick G. Hamlyn.                 |  | Mr. R. Rutherford.                          |
|  | Mr. Arthur J. Hamlyn.                |  | Dr. Q. B. de Freitas,<br>M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. |
|  | Mr. Henry H. Baird.                  |  | Dr. C. J. Gomes.                            |
|  | Mr. A. S. Bryden.                    |  |   |
|  | Mr. J. W. Pearl.                     |  |   |
|  | Mr. J. H. Wilkinson.                 |  |   |

The following resolution was moved by the Chairman, seconded by the Deputy Chairman, and passed unanimously.

"That the Executive of the West India Committee welcome the visit of Mr. A. W. Farquharson, Chairman of the Jamaica Imperial Association, to this country, tending as it will to stimulate the interest shown by various Departments of State in Jamaican affairs, and while regretting his inability to be present, owing to indisposition, desire to assure him of the value which the Committee attach to co-operation between them and the Association of which he is Chairman."

A letter was read dated 26<sup>th</sup> April from Mr. Churchill, stating that a Committee was to be appointed to consider what, if any, changes were desirable in the currency systems of the West Indian Colonies, and whether any improvements were required in the existing facilities for exchange between these Colonies & the mother country, and inviting the West India Committee to nominate two representatives to serve on this Committee. The Chairman and the Secretary were appointed to represent the Committee accordingly.

Correspondence with the Board of Customs regarding the admission of goods shipped on Optional Bills of Lading to preferential rates of duty, was reported. It was decided to await the reply to a letter sent to the Board on April 26<sup>th</sup>, asking that preferential treatment might be extended to cacao shipped on an optional bill of lading, even though it had been transhipped at a foreign port.

The Secretary submitted correspondence with the Colonial Office and the Treasury regarding the Sugar & Spirit Duties, and that on Molasses for manufacturing purposes, and a discussion took place on the Budget statement. The Secretary was instructed to ascertain what steps the Government proposed to take to redeem the pledge given to Associated West Indian Chambers of Commerce on January 29<sup>th</sup> that the British Government had decided to make a Trade Agreement with

... by the substitution of the word "loss" for "damage" in clause 1 and the addition of the footnote "it is understood that the word loss shall cover the total destruction of any tree or such damage as shall make it apparent within a period of six months that the damaged trees are incapable of further bearing."

G.N.K.

\* the Indian delegation in that Colony had taken up the attitude that in

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the British West Indies, guaranteeing the existing rate of preference for ten years.

The Minutes of a meeting of the Income Tax Sub-Committee held on April 26<sup>th</sup> were approved, it being decided to write to the Colonial Office, expressing the hope that the representations already made by the West India Committee to the Inter-Departmental Committee would be taken into consideration before any advice were tendered to His Majesty regarding the disallowance or otherwise of the New Trinidad Income Tax Bill.

The Secretary reported that, following a conference between Mr. A. W. Farquharson, Major W. W. Rhodes, himself and Messrs. Henry Head & Co., the ~~latter~~ <sup>last-named</sup> had agreed to modify their policy of Hurricane & Earthquake Insurance for coconut trees. <sup>(see opposite)</sup> This was regarded as satisfactory.

A cablegram received on March 25<sup>th</sup> from Mr. Knox, Chairman of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Fiji, was read, stating that under no circumstances would India permit Indians to go abroad to work for hire and would only allow farmers with capital to emigrate. It was decided to confer with Mr. Knox on his arrival in this country with regard to the question of Indian emigration to tropical Colonies.

A Notice, dated April 6<sup>th</sup>, stating the reductions made by the Port of London Authority in the Percentage Additions to the Tariff Dock and Warehouse Charges Rates & Dues, following representations made by the West India Committee and other bodies, was laid on the table.

The Secretary stated that he had

been asked:-

- (1) Would West Indian merchants object to the Board of Customs doing away with the Certificate of Transshipment which has to be visaed by the British Consul in the case of rum shipped on a through Bill of Lading, but transhipped at a foreign port?
- (2) Would they object to the admission of rum not shipped on a Through Bill of Lading, but landed and re-shipped from a foreign port being admitted as British, provided that the original Bill of Lading is produced together with a certificate of shipment visaed by the British Consul at the foreign port?

He was instructed to reply to the first enquiry in the negative, but it was felt that the change proposed by the second might leave the way open to fraud unless the Board of Customs were absolutely satisfied that rum so shipped were of British origin.

It was decided that the Annual General Meeting of the West India Committee should be held on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 3.0 P.M. The accounts for 1921 and Balance Sheet and the draft annual report were considered and approved for submission to that meeting.

The Secretary stated that several merchants trading with Grenada having represented to him that the Government of that Island were asking the Crown Agents for tenders for several hundreds of tons of manures, he had got into touch with Sir Henry Lambert, who stated that this was the case. He had then communicated with the Colonial Office, pointing out

that ~~of~~ any attempt on the part of a West Indian Government to embark on trade would be greatly resented by ~~the~~ West Indian merchants, and he had since been informed that the Government of Grenada had been advised to obtain the manures through local agents if the terms were favourable.

Mr. Moody Stuart having called attention to the regulations in Trinidad regarding crop-warrants given to secure advances against growing crops, as compared with those in force in the Windward & Leeward Islands, a Sub-Committee, consisting of Mr. Cyril Gurney, Mr. Moody Stuart & Mr. Malcolmson, was appointed to consider what steps should be taken in the matter.

Cyril Gurney

8/6/22.

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive of  
The West India Committee held June 8<sup>th</sup> 1922.

Present: - Mr. Cyril Gurney, in the Chair.

" E. A. de Pass

" H. F. Prekité

" T. Greenwood.

Lieut. Colonel H. A. Clifton

" " Ivan Dawson, O.B.E.

Mr W. Fawcett, B.Sc.

" G. M. Frame

" H. J. J. Freeman

" Norman Malcolmson, O.B.E.

" Algernon Aspinall, C.M.G., Secretary.

" Culpred N. Knight, Asst. "

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting (May 4<sup>th</sup>)  
were confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurers reported: -

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|---------------------|------|---|----|
| Membership          | 2379 | Subscribers                                   | 59 |
| Resignations (1922) | 3    | Mr A. E. Young                                |    |
|                     |      | " Archibald Munro                             |    |
|                     |      | " Guy N. F. Nord                              |    |
| (1923)              | 7    | " T. M. Marshall (6/23)                       |    |
|                     |      | Major H. V. Jarvis-Read (7/23)                |    |
|                     |      | Sir Gerald Shickland (8/23)                   |    |
|                     |      | Mr H. E. Berry (9/23)                         |    |
|                     |      | " S. P. Davidson (10/23)                      |    |
|                     |      | " James A. King (11/23)                       |    |
|                     |      | " Francis Thornhill (12/23)                   |    |
| Obituary            | 3    | " R. W. Tomlinson                             |    |
|                     |      | " Septimus Clauzel                            |    |
|                     |      | " John W. McConnell                           |    |
| Restored to List    | 1    | " P. Lechmere Guppy                           |    |
| Life Membership     | 5    | Mr Thomas E. Ward                             |    |
| additional          |      | Lieut. Colonel C. Macdonald, D.S.O., M.I.C.E. |    |
|                     |      | Mr Otto Oppenheimer                           |    |
|                     |      | " James Frederick Gore                        |    |
|                     |      | " D. Grafton Simpson                          |    |
| Total,              | 117. |   |    |

(The Hon. Treasurers reported:-)

Subscribers in arrears, 1921. 75  
1922 369

The following candidates were admitted to membership of The West India Committee (23)

The Committee

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| Names.                                   | Proposers and Seconders.        |   |  |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Mr. A. L. Malabre (Jamaica).             | Mr. L. de Mercado.              | Mr. H. M. Berkeley (London).                      | Mrs. Bromley.                              |
| Mr. Henry Thorne (British Guiana).       | Mr. W. Baggett Gray.            | Mr. D. C. Hylton (Jamaica).                       | Mr. C. Gurney.                             |
| Mr. C. D. Johnston, M.D. (Jamaica).      | Mr. A. Hirsch.                  | Major Claud J. Low, D.S.O., T.D. (London).        | Mr. E. A. de Pass.                         |
| Mr. J. Gonsalves (British Guiana).       | Mr. W. Gillespie.               | Mr. G. E. Bodkin, B.A. (London).                  | Mr. Cyril Gurney.                          |
| Mr. Louis Franklin (London).             | Mr. R. B. Daly.                 | Mr. J. M. Hattract (London).                      | Mr. H. F. Previté.                         |
| Mr. John F. L. Lamport (British Guiana). | Mr. E. A. de Pass.              | Major H. C. Corlette, O.B.E. F.R.I.B.A. (London). | Lt.-Colonel Ivan Davson, O.B.E.            |
| Mr. A. E. Muschett (Jamaica).            | Mr. M. P. Comacho.              | Mr. H. M. Brandon (Jamaica).                      | Lt.-Colonel Ivan Davson, O.B.E.            |
| Mr. J. F. Gore (Jamaica).                | Mr. H. de Cambra.               | Mr. Kenneth S. Longley (Trinidad).                | Mr. Thomas Greenwood.                      |
| Mr. W. Wells Palmer (St. Lucia).         | Mr. Archibald Gordon.           | Mr. H. J. B. Walcott (Jamaica).                   | Mr. A. W. Thomson.                         |
| Mr. F. Deighton Rogers (St. Lucia).      | Messrs. John Leckie & Co., Ltd. | Mr. K. McMahon de Roux (Jamaica).                 | Mr. H. F. Previté.                         |
| Messrs. Plaistowe & Co., Ltd. (London).  | Mr. Leonard Lywood.             | The Hon. Richard Nosworthy (Dominica).            | Mr. H. F. Previté.                         |
|  | Mr. John Macdonald.             | Mr. Manoel D'Andrade (British Guiana).            | Mr. E. A. de Pass.                         |
|  | Mr. W. Baggett Gray.            |   | Mr. W. Fawcett, B.Sc.                      |
|  | Mr. A. Spooner.                 |   | T. Geddes Grant, Ltd.                      |
|  | Mr. W. Baggett Gray.            |   | Mr. H. F. Previté.                         |
|  | Mr. A. Spooner.                 |   | Mr. W. H. Farquharson.                     |
|  | Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.        |   | Mr. F. H. Farquharson.                     |
|  | Mr. A. R. C. Mallett.           |   | Mr. S. M. de Roux, J.P.                    |
|  | Mr. Archibald J. Brooks.        |   | Mr. E. A. de Pass.                         |
|  | Mr. Gregor McG. Peter.          |   | His Honour Chief Justice H. K. M. Sisnett. |
|  | Mr. F. N. Martinez.             |   | Mr. Cyril Gurney.                          |
|  | Mr. N. Malcolmson.              |   | Mr. H. de Cambra.                          |
|  |                                 |   | Mr. John Fernandez.                        |

The Committee then proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, pursuant to Article V of the Royal Charter of Incorporation. On the motion of Mr E. A. de Pass, seconded by Mr H. F. Previté, Mr Robert Rutherford was unanimously elected Chairman. On the motion of Mr E. A. de Pass, seconded by Lieut. Colonel Ivan Davson, O.B.E., ~~the following were~~ <sup>G.N.K</sup> Mr Cyril Gurney was unanimously elected Deputy-Chairman. Proposed by Mr H. J. J. Freeman and seconded by Lieut.-Colonel H. H. Clifton, the following were appointed Honorary Treasurers:- Mr William Gillespie, Mr Thomas Greenwood, Mr E. A. de Pass and Mr H. F. Previté.

A discussion took place regarding the following cablegram which had been received from the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>:-

"Disagree entirely with view expressed in your article  
"issue of 11<sup>th</sup> May regarding effect of reduced preference  
"on cocoa writing fully await our letter"

It was decided to defer taking any action until after receipt of the letter referred to.

The Deputy Chairman reported that on May 19<sup>th</sup> accompanied by Mr H. J. J. Freeman & the Secretary, he had interviewed Mr E. R. Darnley regarding the action of the Grenada Government in ordering 500 tons of manure through the Crown Agents, and ignoring the local merchants. A letter was read from the Colonial Office (May 27<sup>th</sup>) stating that the Crown Agents had already placed the order for the fertilisers, and that Mr Churchill considered that it was too late to intervene, but that the Governor of Grenada was being requested to report fully his reasons for following the course he had adopted. It was agreed to await this report before taking further action.

The Secretary reported that a meeting of the Premises Sub Committee had taken place that day to consider the question of securing better premises, in view of the termination of present tenancy on September 29<sup>th</sup> this year, but that the meeting had adjourned pending the submission by Messrs. Ellis & Co. of details of suitable available properties.

Read a letter (May 16<sup>th</sup>) from the Secretary of State for the Colonies stating in reply to the Committee's representations (May 8<sup>th</sup>) that he was unable to intervene as regards the provisions of the Trinidad Income Tax Ordinance 1922 until he had received a copy of the ordinance as passed by the Legislative Council, but that he would then carefully consider it in consultation with his technical advisers and in relation to the Committee's representations, and would recommend to the Government of Trinidad any amendments which might appear desirable. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Colonial Office, asking whether the text of the ordinance had yet been received, and if so, what action was being taken, and to ascertain also the present position of the Inter Departmental Committee in relation to this matter.

Read letter from the Custom House (May 12<sup>th</sup>) stating that with regard to Empire goods transhipped at a foreign port en route to this country, it had been decided that preference could not be granted unless satisfactory evidence were produced to show that the goods were definitely destined for this country when first shipped from the Empire port of loading. It was decided to write, in reply, instancing the case of certain British line steamers which sailed from Empire ports but did not come on to this country, precluding the carrying out of the condition stipulated where the goods were shipped on an optional bill of lading.

An invitation (April 25<sup>th</sup>) from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London to the West India Committee to co-operate in raising a fund in aid of the London Hospitals, was considered. It was decided respectfully to decline, on the grounds that members of the Committee in this country would in any case be reached by the appeal through other organizations, whilst ~~those~~ it was felt that the time was not propitious to appeal to members in the West Indies in view of the severe depression through which the trade of those Colonies had been passing.

The Secretary was authorised to try and ascertain from the Colonial Office the present situation as regards the cable service between this country and the British West Indies.

Read a letter from Messrs. Elders and Fryffes (May 31<sup>st</sup>) announcing their intention of providing a monthly sailing to Barbados and Trinidad commencing with 8.9.

"Coronado" on the 21<sup>st</sup> October, & stating that it was hoped to arrange for return calls early next year. The Secretary reported that he had been in correspondence with Mr A. H. Stockley (of Elders and Fyffes) and with Messrs Thos. and Jas. Harrison with a view to obviating the possibility of the withdrawal of S.S. "Tintaba" and S.S. "Ingoma", which would be detrimental to British Guiana. He added that a convenient working arrangement had now been arrived at, and satisfaction was expressed by those present.

R. Rutherford.  
July 5. 1922.

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