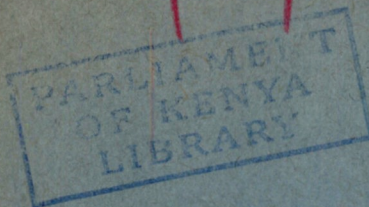


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1. The Committee sat on the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th April and the 1st, 2nd and 8th of May, 1933.

2. The Committee first considered the form of presentation of the Estimates for 1933 which had been devised to give effect to the recommendations of Lord Moyne for the creation of a Native Betterment Fund. Elected Members represented that inasmuch as no legislative enactment had been passed to give effect to Lord Moyne's proposals and in law no Betterment Fund existed, it was premature to include in Estimates (under Head XXXV) a payment into that Fund before the Legislative Council had given formal assent to its creation. They considered therefore that it would be preferable to show all estimated expenditure on direct native services in the body of the Estimates of the four Departments concerned, with an indication of the amounts estimated to be transferred to a Native Betterment Fund in the event of such a fund being created.

3. This course would involve a reduction of the estimated deficit on the working of the year by the amount which it was at present proposed to place towards the reserve in the Betterment Fund, and the inclusion of an explanatory note in the Estimates to the effect that should legislative action be taken to establish a Native Betterment Fund, the difference between half the average annual yield of native direct taxation for the years 1926-1931 (£279,598) and the actual expenditure in 1933 on direct native services in the four Native Betterment Departments (Agriculture, Education, Medical and Public Works) would be available for payment into that Fund, were Lord Moyne's allocation ultimately adhered to.

4. The Committee agreed to recommend the course proposed by Elected Members pending an investigation into "the most practical methods for applying the principles underlying the recommendation by Lord Moyne for the establishment of a Native Betterment Fund" by the Select Committee of the Legislative Council which had been appointed for the purpose.

5. In the view of the Elected Members the amount by which half the average of native hut and poll tax for the years 1926-1931 exceeds the estimated expenditure on native services in the Agricultural, Education, Medical and Public Works Departments in 1933 should be devoted to reducing the estimated deficit on the year's working and not earmarked for payment into the Native Betterment Fund if that fund is created.

6. The Committee then turned their attention to a consideration of the general economic and financial position of the Colony. It was noted with satisfaction that the working of the year 1932 had proved to be considerably more satisfactory than was anticipated at the time when the provisional Estimates for the year had been prepared. The actual result of the working of the year 1932 is reflected in the following figures:—

Expenditure	...	...	...	...	£3,119,722
Revenue	...	...	...	...	3,010,213
					£109,509
Excess of expenditure over revenue	...	...	...	...	£109,509

7. The shortfall on the year's working therefore amounted to £109,509 as compared with the estimate of £220,000 at the time the provisional Estimates for 1933 were passed (*vide* page 10 of those Estimates).