

ACHIVILES.

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HOUSING.

No houses were provided for the Indian Community prior to the erection of 39 economic houses during 1954. These houses are poorly constructed on weak foundation and their present condition suggests that they are likely to last out the instalment period. The houses are roughly constructed, have no provision for guttering, and complaints lodged about the defects in the buildings were never attended to. Council is going ahead with the sub-economic buildings, and no heed is being paid to strengthen the foundations of these houses in the light of experience with the previous dwellings.

ROADS, DRAINAGE, WATER, LIGHTS & SANITARY.
LEONARDSTOWNSHIP & LOTS, 81 and 82.

These areas were settled by Indians as early as 1904. Rates and taxes have been paid to the Corporation as this area is within the Borough. No roads and drainage were provided for Lots 81 and 82, and the position up to now remains the same. Storm water collecting on the hills and rushing down the slopes are the chief source of nuisance in this area.

No assistance has been rendered by the Borough to direct this water by drainage. Since the erection of the Economic housing scheme the course of the water was diverted from the drainage behind these 2 Lots erected by the owners, and took a new course, causing considerable damage to householders in the lower end and particularly to residents in both private houses and economic housing schemes in Leonardstownship.

Residents of Lots 82 have donated a 10 ft. strip of road between Lots 81 and 82 but this road became unusable because of deep stormwater dongas. This has existed for over 20 years without receiving the attention of the Borough.

Since the settlement of the Indians in this area no water supply has been made available, although corporation water was made available to the home of Mr. Leonard about 200 yards from this area.

The present position is that water supplies are made available to some properties where the corporation refused to supply water. No water borne sewerage system exists in this area and whilst restrictions have been placed on the keeping of cattle for over 6 years as a health measure, the pit system of sewerage disposal was allowed to continue until 1955.

The road to this locality ends with the road to the Industrial area. Beyond this there are no laid out roads, but mere tracks overveld and eroded dongas.

The lighting is poor and it is impossible to distinguish these unhardened dirt tracks at night. During rainy weather these roads are impossible by cards.

Although there are planned roads in half of the Leonardstownship area these have not been hardened and are impossible by cards in rainy weather. There are no roads laid out in the other half of Leonard's Township. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Owners of these plots donated approximately 10 acres of land and were prepared to pay the corporation 15% of the proceeds from the Sale of these properties but nothing has so far been done. The S.A. Railways had constructed culverts under the railway line in order to stop hindering flood waters, but in the construction of railway line serving the industrial area, no culverts have been made, thereby increasing the danger of flood hazards to low lying properties in Leonard's Township.

The bucket system of sewerage disposal has been introduced during 1955 in these areas and the Ntombis Camp Locality, still continue with the old pit system of lavatories. The road to this area is bad and there are several areas of eroded dongas all along this road.

Prior to the erection of the Industrial road, primary school children attending the Klip River School, had to wade through knee deep water

POLICE PATROL, POSTAL SERVICES and PUBLIC TELEPHONES:

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No police patrol is allowed for this area. The post office delivery service ends in Carter road at the end of the tarred section and no services could be made available beyond this point because of the bad roads.

Telephones have only just been made available to a few homes recently, but there is no public telephone booth in the whole of the area.

ROADS, DRAINAGE AND LIGHT AND WATER.

PREDOMINANTLY INDIAN OWNED AREAS WITHIN THE TOWN:

Whilst it is the policy of the council to lay out roads and kerbing in the newly developed white areas, these have been sadly neglected in the predominantly Indian areas.

King street up to a few months ago and Buckingham, Princess and Forbes streets have not been hardened. Forbes street was not kerbed until a few months ago. These are the main thoroughfares leading to the Windsor High School. The pupils of this school suffer in wet weather in proceeding to school, particularly because there are no proper footpaths leading to the school. Lighting is bad in this area and movement is made difficult during wet weather.

Because of the small pipes carrying the water supply to Forbes Street there is not enough pressure.

Illing Road, the busiest road other than Murchison Street, not tarred half the way. Alfred Street leading up, to Illing Road in sad and neglect. Rates and taxes paid as for other parts of the town.

OTHER AMENITIES:

Indians are not allowed the use of the Town Hall, No alternative hall is provided for the Indian community. Library facilities are also not provided to Indians. European amenities include the Black Rock and its swimming pool. The Military camp swimming baths, Golf Course, Oval, Settlers Park and various others, the Indian community is denied even the barest requirements at its sports fields. The Indian cemeteries do not receive the same attention as that received by the European one.

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