

### Publicity Bureau.

We are sorry to note that the Publicity Bureau which was established in 1921 and had been performing the very useful function of broadcasting desirable information to all corners of the Presidency has been abolished this year by the Legislative Council owing to financial reasons.

The publication of the Monthly Digest of the Madras Agricultural Department was undertaken by the Bureau in the earlier days, but since July 1922, the work was taken up by the Department itself, so that the publication of the Digest has not been thereby affected. We trust the work of broad-casting useful information will similarly be undertaken by various other Govt. Departments such as the Medical and the Sanitary, and the useful work of the Publicity Bureau continued.

### College Day.

The celebration of the College Day and the holding of the Conference have now been definitely fixed for the 14th, 15th and 16th July next and the Hon'ble the Minister for Development has kindly consented to preside. We trust that a large number of landed proprietors and other gentlemen interested in agriculture will, in response to invitation, grace the conference with their presence. We fervently hope that members of the Union will recognise the importance of the occasion and give the Committee their enthusiastic support both by way of donations and of contributions of papers.

### Departmental News.

*Allotments for Agriculture in 1923.* Under Agriculture the following allotments have been sanctioned by the Council :

Rs. 55,000 for the establishment of a Central Millet-Breeding Station, Coimbatore, Rs. 5,500 for improvements of dairy cattle, Rs. 8,000 for special demonstrations of improved methods in agriculture and Rs. 21,000 for the opening of a sugarcane station at Anakapalle.

*Mr. Edward Ballard.* Mr. Edward Ballard, B. A., retired Govt. Entomologist, has been appointed to the Advisory Service of the Ministry in Entomology and attached to the Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station at Long Ashton, Bristol.

Journal of the Ministry of Agriculture, April 1923.

*Cattle Fair at Tirupur.* The Municipal Council has resolved to purchase a big plot of waste land for Rs. 10,000 to hold the annual cattle fair.

(The Hindu, May 5, 1923.)

### **The Union Building.**

With reference to the much-felt need of a building to house the Union, our members may recollect that plans and estimates (cost Rs. 2,000/-) for the building were prepared and submitted last year to the Director of Agriculture. We are glad to report that the Govt. have now been pleased, in response to the D. A.'s letter on the subject, to sanction the lease of a site measuring about 37 cents between the Post office and A type No. 5, on a rent of Rs 8/- per year. They also sanction the grant of Rs. 670/- towards the cost of the construction of the building, but have, however, ordered that the Union should first be registered under *Indian Registration of Societies Act 1860, (XXI of 1860.)* As the question of registration is a very important matter, it will have to be decided at the annual meeting of the General Body during the coming College Day celebration.

*The Working Committee.*

### **Estate News.**

*The Officers' Club.* At a meeting held on the 1st May the general body of the club resolved to make certain alterations in the building to provide additional accommodation for the members.

*Volley Ball.* This is a new game that has been introduced into the Club recently and has proved very popular with the younger members and for the present it bids fair to eclipse all other activities of the Club in the enthusiasm displayed by the participants.