

the Lawley Road into Keess Road (near Farm Buildings) and at the end of Robinson Road (Road to Coimbatore) have now been provided with gates, the former will be shut at 6 P. M. but will be opened by a watchman when needed, and the latter will remain closed from 10 P. M. to 6 A. M.

The office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture for Live Stock has now been transferred to the Agricultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore.

Departmental News.

Nominations to Indian Central Cotton Committee.

Mr. B. C. Burt, B. Sc., M. B. E., is appointed Secretary of the Indian Central Cotton Committee constituted under Section 4 of the Indian Cotton Cess Act, 1923 (XIV of 1923.)

The following persons have been duly nominated as members of the Indian Central Cotton Committee by the Govt. of Madras.

Mr. G. R. Hilson, B. Sc., (Edin), Cotton Specialist, Coimbatore, representative of the Agricultural Department of the Government of Madras.

Mr. F. H. Goffe, of the Bombay Company Ltd, Madras, representative of the cotton manufacturing or cotton ginning industry.

M. R. Ry., R. Appaswamy Nayudu Garu, representing the cotton growing industry in Madras.

M. R. Ry., B. P. Sessa Reddi Garu, of Bethancherla, Kurnool District, representing the cotton growing industry in Madras.

Fort St. George Gazette, Dated 5th June 1923.

Beri-beri Investigation.

Beri-beri is a serious disease of mankind which has come into great prominence of late—chiefly in some of the great rice-growing tracts of India. In the Madras Presidency, it has been found in greatest evidence in the Kistna and Guntur Districts and the general

opinion held as to its nature is that it is one of the deficiency diseases caused by the loss of a certain important constituent—probably of the nature of a vitamin—of the nutritious seed-coat of the rice-grain which is removed by the high polishing the grains are subjected to in the rice-mills. The affected districts of Guntur and Kistna also happen to have the largest number of rice-mills in the Presidency.

The investigation of this disease has been undertaken by Col. McCarrison, I. M. S., at the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor and we understand Dr. R. V. Norris, Government Agricultural Chemist, is collaborating with him by an investigation on the chemical side. We hear, highly interesting results have already been obtained. We are sorry, however, to notice that this is one of the subjects on which the Inchcape axe has descended and that this work is to be stopped soon on grounds of retrenchment—a very sorry commentary on the degree of importance which is attached to research work in general in this country—and a circumstance which is extremely regrettable indeed in the case of a piece of original research concerning the welfare of thousands of suffering humanity.

Activities of the Union.

At a meeting held towards the end of May, the Working Committee elected the various committees for Games, Reception, Entertainment and Subscription in connection with the celebration of the ensuing College Day and Conference. Mr. H. Shiva Rao is to be the Captain of the volunteers. At another meeting held on the 13th June, allotments for the various items of expenditure in connection with the College Day were made and a rough programme for the conference was arranged. We are glad to announce that a fairly large number of papers have been promised for the conference.

Departmental Notes.

Appointment:—

1. Mr. K. S. Ramana Bai, Lower Subordinate IV Grade, to officiate as Upper Subordinate V Grade, vice Mr. K. Unnikrishna Menon officiating in the Madras Agricultural Service, with effect from 1-5-1923.