

VERULAM TOWN BOARD.

1. Verulam is a Township and is controlled by a Town Board.

2. The population figures are :-

Europeans	<u>1927</u> 309	<u>1940.</u> 230
Indians	772	1139
Natives	197	414
Coloureds	-	76

3. The total acreage of the Township is 764½ acres of which the Township proper is constituted of 262 acres and the balance consists of Commonage.

4. The number of Indian Voters on the Roll were :-

1928	37.
1940	21.

5. The number of trade licences, both Government and Local, were :-

	<u>1927</u>	<u>1940.</u>
European	5	4
Indian	43	45

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(of which 18 General Dealers' Licences were held by Indians since 1927 and there has been no increase in this class of Licence).

6. The representatives of the Verulam Town Board produced a Map to the Commission showing ownership of properties by Indians and Europeans as at 1927 and 1940.

7. The Town Board also submitted to the Commission a Schedule showing 19 transfers of properties from Europeans to Indians and a further Schedule showing 10 transfers of properties from Indians to Europeans for the period 1927 to 1940.

8. The contention of the Town Board was that in 1927 predominantly European areas were :-

- (a) Western portion of Russom St. to the western boundary of the Township within 300 to 400 feet on either side.
- (b) The area abutting on to Ireland Street,
- (c) The top portion of Wick Street at the Southern end,
- (d) At the entrance to Verulam by Main Road from Durban the first two blocks right and left - up to Todd St.

9. It was conceded by the Town Board that in 1927 predominantly Indian areas were :-

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- (a) Portion of the Township lying to the East of Garland Street.
- (b) 21 Lots or portions of Lots abutting Ireland Street.
- (c) The trading portion of Wick Street.
- (d) The block between Todd St. and Moss Street.
- (e) Between Moss St. and Dore St. on the main Road the block on the left comprised the main trading portion of the Township.
- (f) The area abutting on to Wick St. between Moss and Dore Streets.

10. The evidence led by our Association and the Plan submitted to the Commission disclosed the fact that no proof of acquisition of properties by Indians in what are claimed to be predominantly European areas was established.

11. And further it is claimed by our Association that the area under the jurisdiction of the Town Board was predominantly Indian in 1927. Acquisition of all the properties by Indians since 1927, was, it is contended, in predominantly Indian areas.

12. We claim that no case of acquisition either for residence or for trade by Indians of properties which can be regarded as falling within the Commission's terms of reference has been established.