

NATAL MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN DURBAN ON
the 30th. JUNE, 1939.

13. INTERMIXING OF EUROPEANS AND NON EUROPEANS.

The following circular letter was sent to all Local Authorities on the 2nd. instant:-

'As you will be aware, this matter has been before the Association for a number of years, and on account of the growing seriousness of the position it is felt that action should not be longer delayed in evolving some scheme to place it on a more satisfactory basis. Representations have been made both to the Union Government and the Provincial Administration, but so far without anything of a definite nature being done, and it is imperative that the matter should be pressed in every direction possible to ensure the early adoption of remedial measures.

In this connection the matter was brought before the Provincial Council by Cr. A.T. Allison, who writes thereon as follows:-

'I am addressing you in connection with the matter of Asiatic encroachments, as you will have no doubt noticed from the Press that the motion which I brought before the Provincial Council last week was carried unanimously in the following terms:-

"This Council is of opinion that a full investigation should take place into Asiatic encroachment in this Province and will support wholeheartedly any action which will solve this problem with justice to all sections of the Community". "

I shall be glad if your Municipality can give this matter its wholehearted support and, as the time seems opportune, get into touch with your Parliamentary representative asking him to press for an enquiry into this most pressing and urgent matter.

As the Government at the present moment has seen fit to bring the matter forward in connection with the problem in the Transvaal, where there is only a 3% Asiatic population, it is only reasonable that an enquiry should take place in so far as Natal is concerned where the population is nearly equal, as is disclosed by the following Census figures:-

Europeans	...	196,600
Asiatics	...	189,600

In conclusion I may say that, notwithstanding newspaper articles, all the facts as stated by me concerning Pietermaritzburg can be substantiated with documentary evidence.'

The question is, therefore, submitted in the hope that you will follow it up and use all possible means to press the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.'

14. EMPLOYMENT OF NATIVES.

The following letter received through the Secretary of the United Municipal Executive, was circulated on the 4th. May, :-

'I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Secretary for Native Affairs, dated 25th. April, 1939, regarding the above matter.

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