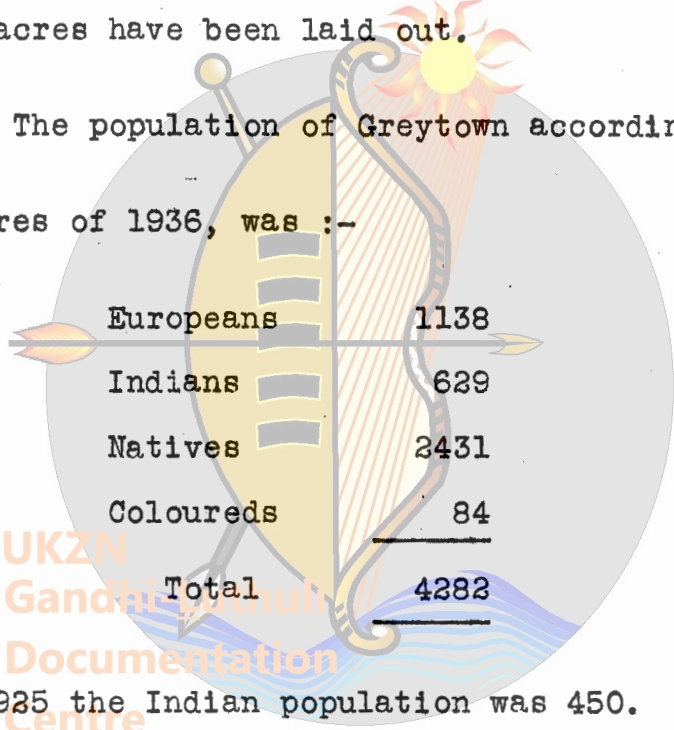


BOROUGH OF GREYTOWN.

1. The Borough of Greytown is situate in the Umvoti County and is a centre of Wattle Industry, in which citrus farming is also carried on.

2. The acreage of Greytown is 12,573 of which 383 acres have been laid out.

3. The population of Greytown according to Census figures of 1936, was :-



Europeans	1138
Indians	629
Natives	2431
Coloureds	84
Total	<u>4282</u>

In 1925 the Indian population was 450. Indian Muni-

pal Voters number only two for the whole of Greytown.

The representatives of the Borough of Greytown who

appeared before the Commission submitted a Plan

showing Indian owned properties marked in "red"

acquired by Indians prior to 1927 and properties

purchased / ...

purchased by Indians marked in "blue" since the year 1927 to date of their tendering evidence.

4. They also submitted a List of properties purchased by Indians from Europeans for the period 28th February, 1927 to 30th November, 1940.

This List shows 23 acquisitions of properties by Indians in the Borough of Greytown. It was conceded by the Representatives of the Borough that properties described as Block 1 FF; Rem. 5 and 6 Lot 7 Block B; D of 6 and A of Lot C Block D; Lots 1 and 2 and Lot 3 of Block E, in all 5 properties, fell within what they described as a predominantly Indian area.

5. The evidence tendered established the following facts in regard to each acquisition of properties listed by the Borough :-

Sub A of Lot 5, Sub A of 5 and Rem of 4 and 5 Block P are adjacent to Lots 6 and 7 of Block P which was Indian-owned prior to 1927. The Indian who was

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the owner of Sub A of 5 Block P was granted an Eating House Licence. On Lot 7 Block P is an Indian Mosque which was erected prior to 1927. Adjacent to Block P Lots 1, 2 and 3 Block O were owned by Indians prior to 1927. Lots 4, 5, 6, of Block O were occupied as a Native Church, Playground and Native Minister's House. Lot 7 of Block O is adjacent to the rest of the area embracing Block O and was predominantly non-European both in point of ownership and occupation. Lot 4, and Sub 5 of Block H were occupied by poor White, Coloured or Indian, at different times before 1927. It was so let by the European owner. A Native Cobbler was granted a License by the Council only last year in this area. The sale of Lot 399 and Rem of Lot 400 was negotiated by Councillor Duncan on behalf of Estate Sutton to the Indian purchaser, who understood that properties east of Bell Street was regarded as an Indian area. Lot 3 of K, Lot 4 of K, and Rem of

Block / ...

Block K, Lot 6 of K are contiguous to Indian owned properties acquired prior to 1927. Lot 3 of G in Voortrekker Street was in occupation of an Indian prior to 1927 and Lots 6 and 7 of G was in Indian ownership prior to 1927 and were purchased by Mr. M.E. Lakhi and donated to the Borough as Sports Ground, Hockey and Rugby Grounds and the Aerodrome are adjacent to this area.

In regard to Block W: Lots 4, 5, 6, & 7 were Indian owned property in this Block prior to 1927, and adjoining this are Lots 1, 2 and 3 in the same Block. It was established that this Block W was in the neighbourhood of an Indian Compound where Indian Municipal employees are housed, and it was suggested that the sale by Europeans to Indians of Rem. of 3, Sub A of Lot 1, A of 2 and Lot 2, and Sub A of Lot 3 - all comprising Block W, was influenced by the fact of the Indian Compound and Borough Pound being in close vicinity and by the

character / ...

character of the area, which was predominantly Indian in 1927. Lot 5 GG is adjacent to Indian owned property in 1927. Lot 4 and A of 5 in Block H are contiguous to Indian owned properties. Portion of Lot 7, in the same Block was Indian owned prior to 1927. It was disclosed that on Block T.S. and Block F, facing Pine Street, Indians were granted Manufacturers' and Cobblers' licences.

6. The area known as Berea of Greytown is burdened with Anti-Asiatic Clause, and is owned by Europeans. The Borough has never at any time offered sites, out of its land, to Indians to purchase.

7. Taking the number of Indian acquisitions of properties since 1927, in different parts of the Borough the information supplied to the Commission establishes the fact, we claim, that these properties were in contiguous areas predominantly Non-European in character, either in ownership and/or

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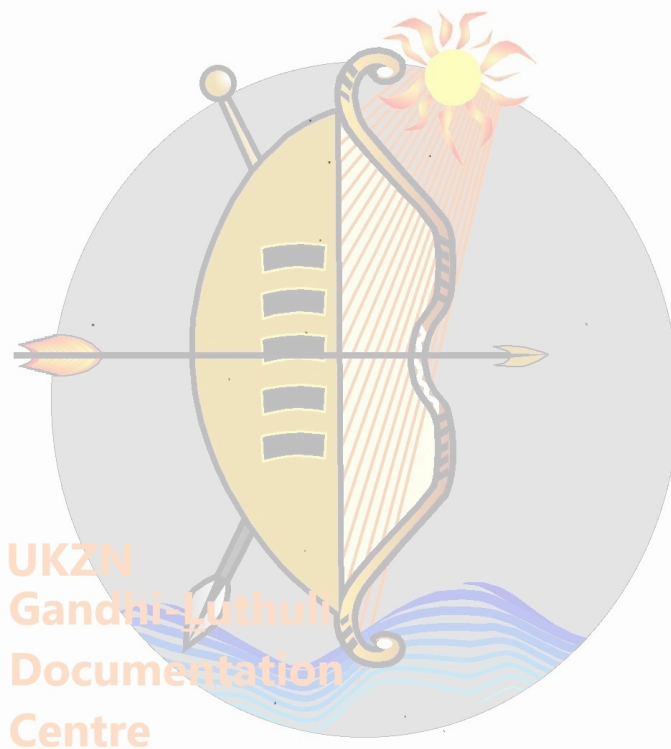
in occupation, and that no case of penetration has been made out.

8. The Borough in its Memorandum (2nd & 3rd pages) submitted figures showing, for the purposes of comparison, value of European and Indian owned properties as at 1927 and at 1940. In an attempt to show that although there is a small increase in the value of properties owned by Indians since 1927, the revenue by way of rates accruing from Indian-owned properties shows a great disparity between amount of rates received from European owned properties. This argument we are not able to comprehend, for valuation of properties depends upon, type and size of building and the locality in which it is situated. The Borough has authority to make valuation of properties within its area, and it is the best judge of value of properties having regard to their situation and type of buildings.

9. The feelings between the European and Indian Communities in Greytown appear to be cordial, as

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indicated by the Deputy Mayor, and on the question of acquisition of trading sites by Indians, there has been no complaint made.



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