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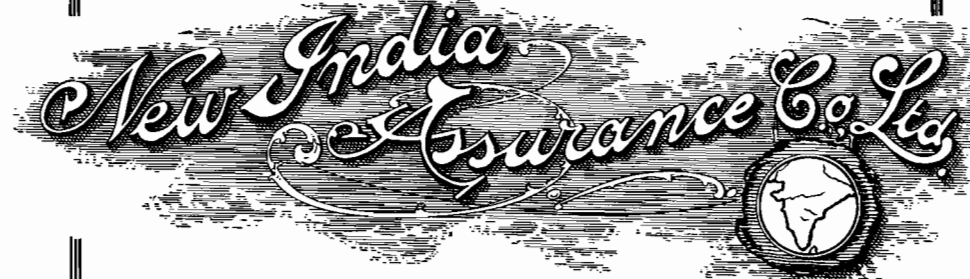
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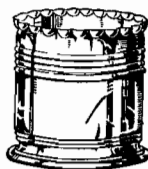
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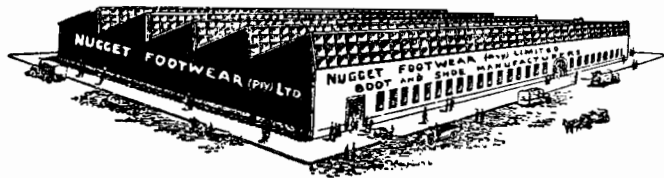
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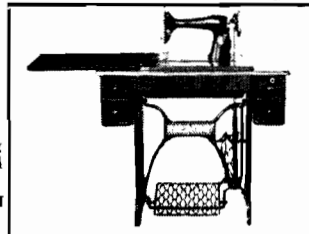
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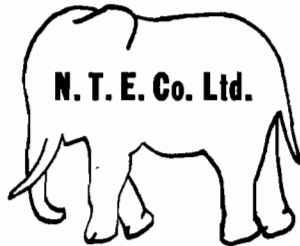
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C.S.—Civil Service.

Cte.—Committee.

D.C.M.—Distinguished Conduct Medal.

D.D.I.C.U.—Durban District Indian Cricket Union.

D.D.I.F.A.—Durban District Indian Football Association.

dist.—district.

e.—eldest—e. s.—eldest son.

e. d.—eldest daughter.

exm.—examination.

F.C.—football club.

F.I.B.—Fellow of the Institute of Bookkeepers.

F.R.C.S.—Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

F.R.C.S.E.—Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

G.W.I.F.A.—Griqualand West Indian Football Association.

H.R.H.—His Royal Highness.

H.Y.M.A.—Hindu Young Men's Association.

K.R.D.I.F.A.—Klip River District Indian Football Association.

l.—late.

m.—married.

M.D.I.F.A.—Maritzburg District Indian Football Association.

M.B.—Bachelor of Medicine.

N.I.C.—Natal Indian Congress.

N.I.F.A.—Natal Indian Football Association.

N.I.T.S.—Natal Indian Teachers' Society.

o.—only.

Recr.—Recreation.

repstd.—represented.

rtd.—retired.

s.—son.

S.A.I.B.C.—South African Indian Bearer Corps.

S.A.I.C.—South African Indian Congress.

Soc.—Society.

treas.—treasurer.

v.-presdt.—vice-president.



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*I*T is with sincere pleasure that I write a foreword for the South African Indian Who's Who and Commercial Directory which has been compiled by Mr. Dhanee Bramdaw of Pietermaritzburg. Mr. Bramdaw is not only a valued personal friend, but is in my opinion one of the ablest of the younger generation of Indians in South Africa. Genius has been defined by a well-known writer as an infinite capacity for taking pains. If this is a true definition, Mr. Bramdaw has genius, for to my knowledge he has spent much time and taken great pains over the production of this directory.

Mr. Bramdaw's compilation, whose artistic value is enhanced by a large number of photographs, should be of great value not only to persons engaged in business but to the South African world at large, both European and Indian, and also to the Union Government, since it shows in a compact form the important part which the Indian has played in the progress and development of this sub-continent.

A glance at the book will also make clear, what is often not sufficiently appreciated by Europeans, that the vast majority of Indians in this country have been born in South Africa and know no other home. The Government of India and the increasing number of people in India who take an interest in the welfare of their fellow-countrymen overseas will also find much to interest them in these pages.

I commend this most useful compilation to the public of South Africa and India in the hope that time will bring these two great countries into closer and more friendly relations with each other.

Johannesburg.

January 17, 1935.



Settling the Indian Question in the Union in a manner which would safeguard the maintenance of Western standards of life in South Africa . . . A step taken in this direction for securing better Indian Homes. The picture shows one of them in Durban.



:: EDITOR'S NOTE ::

IN PRESENTING the first issue of THE SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN WHO'S WHO & COMMERCIAL DIRECTORY, I feel, and I have also been assured of this on all sides, and especially by the commercial section, that it is a publication which will meet a long-felt want in this country.

The Indian community is, because of its commercial and vested interests, the most important group of the non-European section of the South African population. In commerce the

Indian's selling activities touch the vast non-European buying public of many millions in South Africa in addition to thousands of Europeans.

It is for the first time that the members of the Indian community, scattered in all parts of South Africa, serving each in his own sphere the interests of the country, have a unity—being brought together, despite any differences that may exist, within the pages of a book. By showing to the world, and carrying conviction to South Africa itself, how progressive the Indian community has become, the publication will, it is hoped, contribute greatly towards confirming the status of the community as an integral part of the Union of South Africa.

The brief biographies tell their own stories of struggles and successes coming down from 1860, when the Indian was first brought to the country as the builder of industry in Natal. For the last 70 years he has been linked up with the country's industry, and he is bound to play a more important part in its future. Because of this land being the place of his birth and his domicile, its progress is as much his concern as it is of those who to-day rule over him.

I have tried to present a bird's eye view of the position of the South African Indian; first, his life and, secondly, through illustrations, his achievements. The task has not been altogether easy. Where I had failed, my friends whose name is legion, have come to my aid; to individualise would be dangerous, lest some names might be omitted. To all of them I am indeed grateful. Whatever the book's shortcomings, the fault is mine, not theirs.

To those who may concede that some success has been achieved, I may say I am hoping in the next issue, which will in future appear once every two years, to fill in the omissions which necessarily cannot be avoided in the first publication, and to meet all needs requisite for publications of this nature, so that it may be of service to this country and its people, as well as to commercial and other sections abroad and to those connected by the indissoluble ties of kinship over the seas.

The Natal Witness,
Pietermaritzburg.

September, 1935.

Shance Brandau.

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Tariff of Licence Duties

Under the Licences Consolidation Act 1925, Act 32 of 1925, as amended by Act No. 26 of 1927.

To provide for the licensing of Trades, Professions and Occupations within the Union and to fix the Licence Duties payable.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£	s.	d.
Agent of Foreign Firm—			
Non-Residents :			
Annual Licence	20	0	0
If liability commences after 1st July ..	10	0	0
Quarterly Licence for any period of three months from the date upon which liability commences	10	0	0
Residents :			
Annual Licence	10	0	0
If liability commences after 1st July ..	5	0	0
Quarterly Licence for any period of three months from the date upon which liability commences	5	0	0
Employees :			
Annual Licence	5	0	0
If liability commences after 1st July ..	2	10	0
Banker or Banking Institution (in respect of each Branch)	20	0	0
Commercial Traveller—			
(1) Wholesale	15	0	0
(2) Retail	7	10	0
Sale of Fireworks	1	0	0
Newspaper Publishers—			
(a) For every daily newspaper published in the Union	10	0	0
(b) For all other newspapers issued at intervals not exceeding 7 days	5	0	0

	£	s.	d.
General Dealer— <i>continued.</i>			
As exceeds £10,000, but does not exceed £20,000, per £1,000 or part thereof	2	10	0
As exceeds £20,000, but does not exceed £30,000, per £1,000 or part thereof	3	0	0
As exceeds £30,000, per £1,000 or part thereof	3	10	0
(Subject to a maximum payment of £100).			
Hawker (according to nature of licence 5/- up to 5 0 0)			
Laundry—			
Steam	10	0	0
Other	5	0	0
Miller, for each mill	5	0	0
Miller (receipts under £250)	1	0	0
Motor Garage	3	0	0
Ostrich Feather Buyer	10	0	0
Patent and Proprietary Medicines (to sell) issued only to General Dealers	2	0	0
Pawnbroker	15	0	0
Pedlar (according to nature of licence) 5/- or Restaurant, Refreshment or Tea Room Keeper	5	0	0
Temporary or Special Licence, for each day (issued only to Licence holders) ..	0	10	0

Part II.—Professional Licences.

	£	s.	d.
Accountant	10	0	0
Actuary	10	0	0
Advocate	10	0	0
Architect	10	0	0
Attorney	10	0	0
Consulting Engineer	10	0	0
Conveyancer	3	0	0
Dentist	10	0	0
Interpreter or Translator	2	10	0
Law Agent	7	10	0
Land Surveyor	5	0	0
Medical Practitioner	10	0	0
Notary	3	0	0
Quantity Surveyor	10	0	0

Part III.—Occupational Licences.

	£	s.	d.
Aerated or Mineral Manufacturer	10	0	0
Aerated or Mineral Water Dealer	3	0	0
Aerated or Mineral Water Manufacturer (when receipts in previous year did not exceed £2,000)	5	0	0
Over £2,000	10	0	0
Apothecary	5	0	0
Baker	5	0	0
Boarding and Lodging House Keeper ..	5	0	0
Buchu Buyer	1	0	0
Butcher—			
(1) Wholesale	75	0	0
(2) Retail (in any urban area)	7	10	0
Retail (outside any urban area)	2	10	0
Dealer or Speculator in Livestock or Produce	10	0	0
Eating House Keeper	5	0	0
Fresh Produce Dealer	2	0	0
General Dealer—			
(a) Where the average value of stock on hand does not exceed £2,000	5	0	0
(b) Where the average value of stock on hand exceeds £2,000—			
Upon so much of such stock on hand as does not exceed £2,000	5	0	0
As exceeds £2,000, but does not exceed £5,000, per £1,000 or part thereof	1	10	0
As exceeds £5,000, but does not exceed £10,000, per £1,000 or part thereof	2	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Advertising Agent or Advertising Contractor	5	0	0
Appraiser or Assessor	5	0	0
Auctioneer :			
For a Province	20	0	0
For a Magisterial District	10	0	0
Bagatelle Table Keeper	4	0	0
Billiard Table Keeper—			
(1) For each table	12	0	0
(2) If not on premises held under a licence for the sale of intoxicating liquor	5	0	0
Board of Executors or Trust Company :			
Head Office	50	0	0
Each Branch	25	0	0
Broker or Agent	5	0	0
Canvasser for sale of Shares or Land	50	0	0
Speculator in Futures	25	0	0
Stock and Share Broker	10	0	0

Facts about South Africa's Indian People

ASIATIC POPULATION

NUMBER OF INDIANS IN THE UNION AND PROVINCES, CENSUSES 1911 AND 1921, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO BIRTHPLACES.

(i.) *Number of Indians.*—At the request of the Government of India special returns were made in respect of the Indian population of the Union, a summary of which is given in the table hereunder.

Birthplace.	CAPE.		NATAL.		TRANSVAAL.		ORANGE FREE STATE.		UNION.	
	1911.	1921.	1911.	1921.	1911.	1921.	1911.	1921.	1911.	1921.
	Union of South Africa	1,381	2,630	59,277	93,767	3,065	5,853	53	73	63,776
Assam	5	56	20	3	6	—	—	—	31	59
Bengal	193	254	15,468	5,782	501	87	3	—	16,165	6,123
Bombay	2,819	1,301	4,588	2,790	3,474	2,401	2	1	10,883	6,493
Burma	7	25	12	21	14	4	—	—	33	50
Central Province and Berar	8	2	26	95	15	7	—	—	—	—
Eastern Bengal	3	2	—	102	—	1	—	—	49	104
Madras	619	199	39,295	18,148	1,392	441	8	2	41,314	18,790
Punjab	123	58	95	100	121	28	3	—	342	186
United Province of Agra and Oudh	32	9	225	674	8	27	—	—	265	710
Other Provinces*	974	1,627	12,592	19,036	1,323	4,301	32	13	15,921	24,977
Other Countries and Unspecified	442	335	433	818	129	255	5	11	1,009	1,419
Total	6,606	6,498	133,031	141,336	10,048	13,405	106	100	149,791	161,339

*Including "India"—so returned.

OCCUPATIONS OF THE INDIAN POPULATION OF THE UNION.

(ii.) *Occupations of Indians.*—It is not possible to publish comparable figures in respect of occupations at the Censuses of 1911 and 1921, owing to a different classification having been adopted at the latter Census. Moreover, in 1911 the tabulation included the whole Indian community, whereas in 1921 tabulation was confined to persons of fifteen years of age and over. The following table gives the numbers of the Indian population of the Union of fifteen years of age and over, classified according to their occupation as returned at the Census of 1921 :—

Occupation.	CAPE.		NATAL.		TRANSVAAL.		ORANGE FREE STATE.		UNION.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Fishing	9	—	131	2	—	—	—	—	140	2
Agricultural	68	—	18,903	1,766	294	7	6	—	19,261	1,773
Industrial	359	13	6,326	134	518	8	3	—	7,206	155
Transport and Communication	471	—	2,918	21	58	—	1	—	3,448	21
Commercial	2,273	64	5,304	406	4,269	55	3	—	11,849	525
Public Administration and Defence	13	—	261	—	9	—	—	—	283	—
Professional	24	—	364	72	57	—	—	—	445	72
Non-Productive	732	806	7,099	27,889	1,458	2,003	29	11	9,318	30,709
Indefinite	67	10	7,486	613	120	4	—	—	7,673	627

ASIATIC POPULATION OF THE PROVINCES AND UNION.

The number of Asiatics, which includes a small number of Chinese, in the Union as shown in the Censuses of 1904, 1911, and 1921, the last taken, is given in the following table :—

Year.	CAPE.		NATAL.		TRANSVAAL.		ORANGE FREE STATE.		UNION.		
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Total.
1904	9,316	926	63,497	37,421	9,799	1,522	197	56	82,809	39,925	122,734
1911	6,581	1,083	80,477	52,943	8,990	2,022	87	20	96,135	56,068	152,203
1921	5,724	1,972	80,314	61,335	11,056	4,935	242	153	97,336	68,395	165,731

POPULATION RETURNS FOR PRINCIPAL TOWNS.

Aliwal North	22	Heidelberg (T.)	130	Potchefstroom	224
Beaufort West	15	Johannesburg	6,229	Pretoria	1,757
Benoni	570	Kimberley	920	Queenstown	81
Bethlehem	10	King William's Town	68	Randfontein	6
Bloemfontein	126	Klerksdorp	201	Robertson	5
Boksburg	620	Kroonstad	64	Roodepoort	283
Brakpan	39	Krugersdorp	322	Rustenburg	137
Capetown	2,481	Ladybrand	5	Simonstown	27
Christiana	30	Ladysmith (N.)	1,551	Somerset East	19
Cradock	114	Lichtenburg	31	Springs	207
Cullinan (Premier Mine)	5	Mafeking	142	Standerton	171
De Aar	32	Malmesbury	31	Stellenbosch	33
Durban	51,782	Middelburg (C.)	20	Strand	40
East London	704	Middelburg (T.)	158	Uitenhage	160
Ermelo	118	Mossel Bay	11	Umtata	2
Ficksburg	16	Newcastle	814	Vereeniging	177
George	14	Oudtshoorn	18	Volksrust	102
Germiston	501	Paarl	30	Vryheid	59
Graaff-Reinet	18	Parys	—	Wellington	20
Grahamstown	143	Pietermaritzburg	6,944	Witbank	66
Harrismith	4	Pietersburg	183	Worcester	48
		Port Elizabeth	1,329		

PROPORTIONS OF RACES IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS.

Details of the proportions of four main race divisions of the population in the urban and rural areas of the Union and given in the subjoined table as returned at the Census of 1921 :—

Race.	Proportion per cent. of Each Race			Percentage Distribution of Races		
	Urban Population	Rural Population	Total	Urban Areas	Rural Areas	Total.
European	48.83	12.94	21.93	55.78	44.22	100
Bantu	33.82	79.16	67.80	12.50	87.50	100
Asiatic	2.95	2.21	2.39	30.90	69.10	100
Mixed and Other	14.40	5.69	7.88	45.82	54.18	100
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	25.05	74.95	100