

# AN APPRECIATION

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When the present Government, with a view to revitalising the Co-operative movement, introduced a scheme of re-organisation, Mr. Tharmalingam Mylvaganam was nominated by the Minister of Foreign & Internal Trade as the President of the Batticaloa M. P. C. S. Ltd.

Mr. Mylvaganam had earlier served the co-operative movement as the Chairman of the Batticaloa Co-operative Bank and as an elected Director of the People's Bank.

At the time he was appointed he enjoyed a very lucrative Civil practice at the Batticaloa and Kalmunai Bar. Prior to his joining the Bar, he had been an Asst. Food Controller. His experience in the Government Service and at the Bar made him ideally suited to head the Batticaloa M. P. C. S. Ltd., at the crucial period of re-organisation. The numerous problems that had to be faced by the Board in eliminating the practices that had crept into the society over the years and steering it into a new course were made light by the fact that Mr. Mylvaganam was at the head. In his usual calm manner he faced and overcame the various obstacles on the way and steered the society into a smooth working organisation. During his presidency from June 1971 to March 1973 the Society was able to establish itself as one of the well run societies.

Mr. Mylvaganam won the respect and co-operation of the fellow Directors and the staff. He spent a good deal of his time for the benefit of the Society. He was elected President of the Batticaloa Branch of the National Co-op Council in recognition of the good work he had done in the Batticaloa Society.

Mr. Mylvaganam's sudden death was a blow to the Co-op movement in this area. The Batticaloa M. P. C. S. Ltd. remembers with gratitude his dedication to the Society and his efforts to bring it to its present high standard.

