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—and hope for hospitals

BY A TIMES REPORTER

MINISTERS' plans for next year—their final year in office under the present Government—to make the lives of the people of this country happy and contented, were outlined to "The Times of Ceylon" today.

If the plans proposed by the various Ministers materialise next year, the people will have no complaint about their food and clothing, there will be more avenues for employment, more land will be opened up and the country's trade will improve.

Here are the plans prepared by the various Ministers:

THE PRIME MINISTER, who is acting for the Minister of Health and Local Government, said, with the arrival of more drugs the position should be very satisfactory in the near future. Light construction wards for relieving congestion by the transfer of convalescing patients to these wards had been undertaken and work was in progress. Overcrowding in the Mental Home at Angoda and improvements to that institution had also been engaging his attention, and so had improvements to tuberculosis institutions.

Communal fund

"In regard to local government he had had the opportunity of meeting chairmen of village committees, town councils, urban councils and the mayors of the cities and learning at first hand some of their difficulties and problems. The funds that had been accumulating for village committees in the various kachcheries had now been transferred to the communal fund and works involving several million rupees had already been sanctioned. He hoped village committees themselves would now take a greater interest in the works in their areas, and that they would use their influence to utilise local labour and material to expedite those works.

SIR JOHN KOTALAWELA, Minister of Transport and Works, who declined to divulge his plans, however, wished everybody