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The opening ceremony by Sir John Kotelawala

## NEW SHELL SERVICE STATION OPENED AT RATMALANA

On Friday, 30th November, 1951, Sir John Kotelawala performed the opening ceremony of the new Shell SERVICE Station at Ratmalana before a large gathering of friends and well-wishers of Mr. L. M. A. Perera, the Operator. On their arrival the Minister and Mr. W. H. S. Byng were garlanded by Mr. Perera's daughter. Sir John in addressing those present said he was very glad that The Shell Company in their scheme of extending island-wide service, had decided to build a very modern and beautiful petrol filling station at Ratmalana which he said was steadily growing in importance, and the residents who were fast increasing in number he felt would appreciate this additional facility as much as he did. Finally, he wished the operator success in his new business.



Mr. W. H. S. Byng, welcomes the Minister