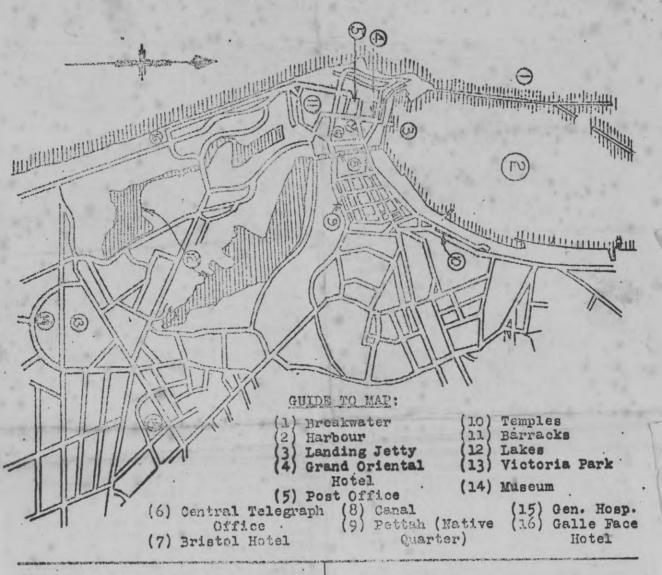
## PREVIEW OF COLOMBO



## EVEN SNAKECHARMERS !

soon you may see rickshaws and snakeoharmers for the first time -- for these are two of the characteristics of Colombo, of which "Dit-Dah" here gives you a preview.

Incoming visitors to Colombo
leave their ship at anchor in the
harbour and are conveyed to a landing stage, around which is the
shopping centre, known as the Fort.
There one may bargain for silks and
jewels and souvenirs. Colombo has a
reputation for wonderful tailors,
whose charges are extremely moderate
if a proper bargain is struck.

Snakecharmers and sometimes a conjurer are to be seen near the principal hotels, which are the Frand Oriental and the Bristol (both in the town), and the Galle Face (on the sea-front).

## ORIENTAL MUSEUM

Most of the Europeans live in the "Cinnamon Gardens," near Victoria Park, in the vicinity of which is the Oriental Museum — a place well worth a visit. Another interesting building is the Kelani Temple, a short distance from Colombo.

Typical foods you may sample are curries and such fruits as the sugar banana, the paw-paw and the mango.

If you are able to recognise it, you may notice a strong vein of Portuguese in the Colombo dialect — a relic of the town's early history, when both the Portuguese and the Dutch occupied it.

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