

KABBA PROVINCE

ANNUAL REPORT NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER 1911

BY RESIDENT J. A. LEY GREAVES.

GENERAL.

- (1) During the year under review, the following Officers have been in charge of Kabba Province:-
Mr. Loy Greaves, 1st. January to 25th. March.
" Norton Traill, 26th. March, to 30th. April.
" Sciortino, 1st. May to 3rd. August.
" Norton Traill, 4th. August to 31st. August.
" Campbell-Irons, 31st. August to 14th. September.
" Ley Greaves, 14th. September to 31st. December
- (2) Reviewing altered conditions, the strides made in administering and the results achieved, the settled state and the advances made all round, I am glad to be able to state that this year shows progress of a much higher order than any former Annual Report has shown.
- (3) Now, the whole Province lies open and is in process of being administered. Everywhere, Chiefs and headmen are showing keenness in co-operating with the Government. The tribute has been almost doubled, and little or no difficulty has been experienced in the collection.
- (4) With regard to the attitude of the Chiefs, there is a small point which seems worthy of note. Had the LOKOJA - KABBA road not passed through a very sparsely populated tract, there would have been no difficulty in transporting the 2,600 odd loads of material required for the new bungalows at

KABBA.

- (5) As it was, I had to call on Chiefs, many living two or three days away from KABBA.
- (6) The way they responded to the call was most gratifying, especially as it was asked for at a time when a certain amount of farm work was being done.
- (7) One IGBIRRA Chief send me in 200 and an AKOKO Chief 400 within two days of my message reaching them.
- (8) Most encouraging of all are the signs of growing confidence in the Administration. Taking this in conjunction with the attitude of Chiefs, and noting also that my endeavours to teach them to take their share in administering are at last meeting with a measure of success, I think I am justified in saying that remarkable progress has been made. In support of this, I would state that in March Mr. A/R. Walker reported of the IGBIRRA and nearer KUKURUKU Chiefs: "It has only been necessary for the police to make one arrest. In every other case the offender has been sent in by the Chief under whose jurisdiction he was, either on the Chief's own initiative with a request for him to be dealt with, or on being called upon by the A/R. to do so".
- (9) In my 1910 Report, I remarked on hindrances met with in developing resources of the Province. The comment this evoked from His Excellency the Acting Governor bade me not to be discouraged.

I do not think that ever have I given hope of bringing to a successful issue any policy of Government in this Province, and, in this connection would like to amplify a phrase in my Report for the September Quarter.

(10) My views on cotton growing in KABBA may not be so optimistic as those of other Residents, but although I do not prophecy much at present, I am hoping - in fact I am assured - of great results in time. In September, Mr. Worsley, Manager, B. C. C.A. passed through and, in the course of conversation, showed himself anxious that I should force the natives to plant cotton.

(11) What undoubtedly such a course would result in would be the undoing of the work I have spent years on, whereas if careful explanation is continued and great patience exercised, I am confident of a steadily increasing output.

(12) In addition, the course proposed would affect other industries. For example, by the same methods but in a less degree, I am encouraging the planting and culture of palm trees (oil palm), coara rubber and capsicums, and am cherishing the idea of the natives growing cocoa should my nursery prove the success it promises to be.

(13) I fear these plans would be put back indefinitely if, by a sudden change of ^{front} ~~point~~, I tried to force the industry, into which I have gone most carefully with them. (Cotton).

(14) I have found even the most enlightened among

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them chary of taking up a new idea, and experience has shown that once their suspicions are aroused, no matter how erroneous their convictions may be, it is hard to change, and it takes years to eradicate a false impression.

KABBA DIVISION.

(15) As KABBA is Headquarters of the Province, the Officers mentioned in paragraph 1 were present in this Division.

(16) Other Officers were: Mr. A/R. James, 1st. January to 27th. September.

Capt. Walton, A.C.P. 1st. January to 18th. July and from 3rd. December to 31st. Decr.

Clerical Staff.

Mr. Baffee, 1st. January to 31st. December.

Mr. Affainio, 15th. August to 31st. December.

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(17) In January I made a short tour through the YAGBA and GBEDE Districts. On January 21st. I left the Division in order to accompany the Kukuruku Patrol through the Southern Division and returned on March 24th. to proceed on leave. On my instructions Mr. A/R. James left on the following day to tour and re-assess the BUNU District.

(18) In his Report for the April-June Quarter, Mr. Sciortino states that "considerably more knowledge of the country and tribes has been gained". I cannot understand how it was gleaned from this Division, for, excepting the above, until my return in September, the only touring done was when Mr. A/R. James made that part of the LOKOJA - KABBA

road which lies in the BUNU District, and when Mr. Sciortino went to inspect the AGBAJA Office.

(19) Apart from the urgent necessity of constant touring and disregarding the fact that KABBA was more fortunate than it usually has been (during the second quarter the A.C.P.'s absences were only temporary and an A.R. was kept in the Division) it surprises me that Mr. James was not given more useful employment than painting numbers on pots to mark the miles on the LOKOJA - KABBA road and in making a road in the heavy rains which ushered in the wet season.

(20) I understand Mr. Sciortino's health was not good, Capt. Norton Traill and Mr. Campbell-Irons were at Headquarters only a few days. What I fail to understand is why there were always two Administrative Officers in this Division while an Assistant Resident was urgently needed at OKENI. The only excuse I know of for retaining an Assistant Resident at Headquarters is to enable the Resident to tour.

(22) During November I toured through practically the whole of the AKOKO District and was much gratified at the behaviour of the Chiefs and the way in which they had complied with the instructions and advice I had given them a year ago.

(23) The last fortnight of December I spent amongst the IGBIRRAS in the Southern Division. They, too, I am glad to say, are improving,

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although it is slow work.

- (24) The YAGBA District was toured and re-assessed in December by Mr. James.
- (25) Small pox has played sad havoc in this District, some towns having lost upwards of half their population. The virulence of the disease is attributed to the bad rainfall of this year.
- (26) Excellent order prevails throughout the Division.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

(Kukuruku and Igbirra Districts).

- (27) Staff. Mr. Walker ^{M/R} A. in charge.
~~Mr. M. M. M.~~ A/R. transferred to Nassarawa in May.

Clerical Staff, Mr. Caulker.

(28) KUKURUKU DISTRICT.

A half Coy. of 2nd. N. N. R. under Lieut. Shott arrived at EGORI on 4th. February and patrolled this District. I accompanied them until 3rd. March when I handed over to Mr. Walker. They left EGORI on 14th. July to return to LOKOJA.

- (29) At the request of His Excellency the Governor of Southern Nigeria a patrol consisting of Capt. Shott, D.S.O. and 25 rank and file co-operated on the boundary with a patrol from Southern Nigeria. They arrived at EGORI on August 12th. and left there en route LOKOJA on August 31st.

- (30) The work of the first mentioned and the zeal displayed by Mr. Walker have inaugurated a new phase in Kabba Province.

- (31) For the first time, it can be reported that the

the whole Province has been under administration for at least six months, that in no part are roads unsafe, and that all lies open for trade. There have been other patrols through the KUKURUKU and IGBIRRA Districts, in fact such had come to be regarded as an annual fixture.

(32) As Mr. Walker reported in June:

"In former years the annual patrol passed through and the people then knew that no white official would visit them again for 12 months or so. One Chief actually expressed surprise at seeing me when I first commenced touring, saying that the patrol had come and gone".

(33) On this occasion, however, I established a new Station at IDDO with an Assistant Resident in charge who could be among those who had necessitated the patrol. Mr. Walker has his Headquarters there and, as a result of the tact and patience he has exercised, all villages once perched on inaccessible hill tops have moved down.

(34) It speaks well for Mr. Walker and his methods that in only one case did he have to resort to a threat to obtain the desired result.

(35) Mr. Walker has embodied notes collected while touring this District in a report on the Edo and Beni speaking tribes. A copy of this has been forwarded.

(36) IGBIRRA DISTRICT.

OKENI, among the IGBIRRAS, used to be the Divisional headquarters. Since Mr. Mathews was transferred

transferred to Nassarawa Mr. Walker has had to divide his attention between the IGBIRRAS and KUKURUKUS. It would be of immense advantage in dealing with the IGBIRRAS and KUKURUKUS if two Officers could be spared for this Division, as both are at the stage where the almost constant presence of an Officer is necessary to stimulate further development and prevent retrogression.

(37) I have chosen a site for Headquarters midway between OKENI and IDDO so that if the Assistant Resident in charge is without assistance he may be able to keep some sort of a hold over the IGBIRRA

(38) I am hoping that we will be granted the additional Staff the Province enjoyed at the beginning of the year so that two Officers may be spared to this Division.

(39) The attitude of the IGBIRRA Chiefs, Mr. Walker reports, is very satisfactory.

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(40) One point of interest noted amongst the IGBIRRAS is the way they now travel, many going as far as LAGOS and other places in Southern Nigeria. Unfortunately, while in Southern Nigeria, a number get hold of the idea that there is no taxation in Southern Nigeria, and recently (this year) I have many times been asked why should they pay taxes here when they don't in Southern Nigeria.

(41) This, as can be well understood, does not make the tribute easier to collect.

(42) In October there was a severe outbreak of

pneumonia or some similar disease which killed off a very large number of people at OUXIAMI in the KUKURUKU District.

AGBAJA DIVISION.

(43) Staff. Capt. H. L. Norton Traill A/R. until August 4th.

MR. H. B. James A/R. September 29th. to 31st. December.

Clerical Staff, Mr. G. C. Black.

(44) In this Division excellent order continues to prevail though some dissatisfaction is expressed by those who had to turn out to make roads during the farming season.

(45) In July Mr. Sciortino inspected the Station and reported: "I was greatly struck by the improvements made by Capt. Norton Traill. AGBAJA town has been put into a thoroughly sanitary condition and was scrupulously clean. The AGBAJA Office was in excellent order and I was greatly struck with the Provincial Record Book Mr. Norton Traill is compiling

(46) From these remarks of Mr. Sciortino I judge that Mr. Norton Traill has done some very good work in this Division. In his report for the second Quarter Mr. Sciortino states "Mr. Horton Traill has done good work in all directions and has thoroughly toured his Division.

(47) At the end of October I had to bring Mr. James back to Headquarters to enable me to tour in the AKOKO District. I was unable to send him back

back when I returned owing to the needs of the KABBA Division in which, as I have stated, no touring had been done for months. My presence was needed in the Southern Division, and it was essential that someone should visit the YAGBA District.

(48) Fortunately an A. C. P. was sent to KABBA so I was enabled to send Mr. James to the latter.

(49) Had KABBA Division received more attention during those months I was absent on leave it would not have been necessary to leave AGBAJA without an Officer.

(50) Excellent order prevails in this Division.

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J U D I C I A L.

- (51) A Commission to exercise full Judicial Powers while in charge of a Division of Kabba Province was held by Capt. Norton Traill A.R.
- (52) Mr. Walker A.R. was granted the same with respect to the Kukuruku District.
- (53) Mr. Walton A.C.P. was granted increased Powers and authority to exercise full Powers during the absence of the Resident from Headquarters.
- (54) The following shows number of criminal cases heard before the Provincial Court during the year 1911. Last year 87 cases were heard.

CRIMINAL.

Murder	8.	✓
Manslaughter	3.	✓
Attempting to commit suicide	1.	✓
Stealing	11.	✓
Burglary	1.	✓
Bribery	1.	
Assault	19.	✓
Assault with intent to steal	1.	✓
Perjury	2.	✓
Accessory to felony	2	
Deprivation of liberty	5.	✓

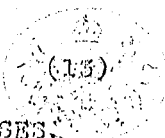
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CRIMINAL (Brought over)

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Extortion	1. ✓
Official corruption etc	3.
Personation	2. ✓
Robbery	2. ✓
Conspiracy	2.
Rape (attempted)	1. ✓
Wounding	2. ✓
Fighting in public place	1.
Contempt of Court	1.
Cheating	1.
Escape	2. ✓
Attempted Escape	1. ✓
Fabricating evidence	5.
Breaking buildings etc.....	1. ✓
Threats	3.
Corruption of witnesses	2.
Demanding property	7.
Attempting to pervert justice	1.
Obtaining goods by false pretences	3.
Refusing to obey lawful Order of Court..	3.
Slavery	1. ✓
Customs Proclamation	1. ✓
Wild Animals Proclamation	3. ✓
Liquor Proclamation	1. ✓
Ordeal & witchcraft Proclamation	6. ✓
Native Authority Proclamation	8.
Native Revenue Proclamation	1. ✓
Police Proclamation	2.
Native Courts Proclamation	1.
Selling poisonous matters	1.
Desertion	1.
Publishing defamatory matters	1.

Total 125.

CIVIL



(55) CIVIL CASES.

3 Civil cases were adjudged during the year, all being debt cases.

(56) 365 petty cases were dealt with by the Court during the year. Last year 118 cases were dealt with.

(57) The increase in numbers is due to the opening up of the Southern Division.

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NATIVE COURTS.

(58) The Judicial Councils in this Province are:-

The KABBA (Grade D) held at Kabba.

The AWORO (Grade C) " " Agbaja.

The OKENI (Grade C) " " Okeni.

(59) 434 cases have been brought or sent before these Courts during the year. None revealed points of interest worthy of special mention. Matrimonial disputes and debts swell the total, which, with trifling exceptions, is composed of civil cases only.

(60) Under strict supervision these Courts continue to work well. Appeals against their decisions have been few and have shown that the people were satisfied with the justice of the decisions given.

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T R A D E.

(61) The following are the Stations established:-

EGGA.	The Niger Company.
EGORI.	--do--
AJAKUTA.	The Niger Coy., Holtz & Pagonstocher
OMUOKI.	The Niger Coy. & John Holt.

(62) At the last mentioned, rubber is the only commodity dealt with. Last year's figures, I reported, showed a marked improvement with respect to one firm. This has not been maintained.

(63) Whereas £1,000 was frequently spent by one firm in monthly purchases, £600. is a record figure which is seldom approached under existing circumstances. This falling-off is accounted for thus:- By far the greater part of the rubber was brought in from Southern Nigeria by middlemen whose loads on a single sale might fetch as much as £75. Now many of these send their purchases by rail to Lagos, obtaining cheaper transport and realising a better price. The result will be, I fear, the closing down of both Stations at Omuoki as expenses of transport will militate against profits accruing in any other commodity.

(64) The opening of the Southern Division has had marked improvement on trade in that District. All roads are secure and traders flock to the market founded

founded at Idde. There is also a steadily increasing trade between the Igbirras and the depots at Ajaokuta and Lokoja.

(65) In the Report for the second Quarter, the following statement is made:

"The only coin put into circulation by trading firms is that disbursed at Onuoki by the Niger Coy. and John Holt & Co. in the purchase of rubber".

(66) This is erroneous. To my knowledge Messrs. The Niger Coy. Holts and Paganstechers were, and are, paying cash for palm kernels in Lokoja and the same firms have been doing so at Ajaokuta and the Niger Coy. at Egori.

(67) Mr. Walker reported in September from the Southern Division:

"Questioning natives whom I met on tour I repeatedly asked them why they will not take cash for their products from the trading firms. Many of them inform me that they prefer cloth and if in want of cash they retail the cloth in their own country and get more actual cash than they would from the trading firms.

COTTON.

(68) In January the B. C. G. A. opened a buying centre at Okeni. In the first quarter 1,260 lbs. of ginned cotton, in the second 2,139, was sent to Lokoja.

(69) As a stimulus I am endeavouring to get part

of the Okoni tribute paid in cotton. The idea is not welcome and they are suspicious of the change. In addition, a higher price than 1d. per lb. can always be obtained in their markets.

(70) I am encouraging planting and the increased supply which will result will, in time, bring down the price obtaining in local markets. I say "in time" for the high prices ruling, due to excess of demand, do not induce the native to plant. First, his other produce fetches a higher price and second, in many Districts planting has come to be regarded as a hazard.

(71) Throughout the Yagba District this year's crop has proved an absolute and utter failure. I hope my lessons as to planting etc. will increase the output and prevent, as far as possible, recurrences of this.

(72) The cotton at Kabba was a failure last year. It was planted in worn out soil on the stony side of a hill. The Illushi cotton planted this year looked promising and I hoped that it would meet with the success that the soil and the care exercised in preparing it, deserved. Unfortunately, unless the blight which has appeared can be checked, I am to be disappointed.

RUBBER.

(73) I have planted, and got the natives to plant, some thousands of ceera rubber trees. While on

leave I learnt the method of tapping these, the method described in the Gazette for November 30th.

(74) I was experimenting when the Acting Superintendent of Agriculture arrived at Kabba. During his stay he continued what I had begun and, on his suggestion, a daily record of collection is being kept.

(75) The following are results from Kabba Station coara trees:-

From 20 trees average age 3 yrs.	12	tappings.	43½	oz.
" 3 " " " 3½ "	11	"	22½	"
" 1 tree age about 6 "	10	"	5	"

(76) As the trees appear to do so well here, I see no reason why the industry should not be a highly remunerative one.

(77) Mr. Walker is encouraging the culture of these trees in the Southern Division.

PALM KERNELS.

(78) On my instructions Mr. Walker has also been trying to induce the Kukurukus to plant palm trees. This is being done mainly at and about Iddo, near the streams.

(79) With a view of giving an impetus to the palm oil and kernel industry, I am starting nurseries at various towns. Palm trees are planted by human agency in many parts of the Province but in a happy-go-lucky manner. At each big town I hope to start a nursery, some with 500 seeds

others, perhaps, with more than 2,000.

(80) When these have sprung up, transplanting to chosen sites will be done by the natives who understand such work well.

(81) Looking ahead, these trees will be apportioned to the villages on the understanding that they must be looked after until the producing stage is reached and then they must be worked, the seed etc. collected, and a share paid to Government. Such a scheme they will understand very well as among themselves the trees are often worked on the hire, or, as I prefer to call it, the share system.

(82) CAPSICUMS.

I am doing all I can to encourage the planting of this valuable product.

(83) COCOA.

Mr. Paul, the Acting Superintendent of Agriculture, explained to me the planting of cocoa and I have started a nursery. I am hoping, in the not unlikely event of a successful issue, to induce the Kabba people to grow this product.

(84) SOYA BEANS.

Some mildewed beans infested with worms were sent to Kabba by the Forestry Officer. The planting both prison and native proved a failure. If good seed could be supplied better results will be obtained, but the natives will not be very enthusiastic after their wasted labour this year.

(85) BENNI SEED.

This is grown largely by the Igbirras and is



a valuable article of commerce (£15. per ton in England at present).

- (86) I am doing all I can to induce the people to pay more attention to the cultivation of this crop.
- (87) The various firms have very kindly promised me figures of trade in this Province for 1911.
- (88) As the figures will not be to hand until next month, I purpose forwarding them under separate cover.

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DEPARTMENTAL.

STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

(89) The following changes occurred during the year:

1st. January. Assistant Residents James and Mathews posted Kabba Province arrived Kabba.

28th. March. Mr. Resident Ley Greaves proceeded on leave on urgent private affairs.

30th. April. Mr. Resident Sciortino returned from leave and took charge of the Province.

26th. May. Mr. A/R. Mathews transferred to Nassarawa.

4th. August. Mr. Resident Sciortino transferred to Yola.

10th. August. Capt. Norton Traill arrived Kabba from Agbaja to take charge of Province.

29th. August. Mr. Campbell-Irons A/R. took charge of the Province relieving Capt. Norton Traill A/R.

1st. September. Capt. Norton Traill proceeded on leave.

14th. September. Mr. Resident Ley Greaves resumed charge on his return from leave. Mr. A/R. Campbell-Irons left for Nassarawa.

22nd. December. Mr. Macgregor A/R. posted Kabba Province arrived Kabba.

(90) The Native Clerical Staff number 4, salary £334.

(91) Native Staff other than Clerks number 9, salary £282.

POLICE.

(92) 18th. July. Mr. Walton A.C.P. transferred to Lokoja on transfer.

3rd. December. Mr. Walton A.C.P. transferred,



arrived Kabba.

(93) POLICE. AUTHORIZED ESTABLISHMENT.

1 Inspector, 1 Sergt. Major, 2 Sergts, 4 Corpls,
7 Lance Corpls, 73 P. Cs.

(94) When I left in March, Mr. Walton A.C.P. had the detachment well in hand and a smarter, better disciplined lot of police one could not wish for.

(95) When I returned I had no fault to find, and was surprised to see that Mr. Sciortino had stated in his June Report that there had been a falling off in discipline.

(96) This is the more astonishing, as Mr. Campbell-Irons left on record

"The police are very efficient and carry out arrests in a most satisfactory manner".

(97) Mr. Walker A/R. in charge Southern Division stated in his September report:

"Mr. Raikes Senior District Commissioner of Onitsha was much struck with the smartness of the N. N. P. when the two patrols met at Jattu in August. He made special mention of this to me. I had with me a Sergeant and 10 men".


(98) I quote these two opinions as they refer to the state during my absence from the Province.

(99) In spite of the pressure of work I found time during September and October to put practically all the police through their musketry course.

(100) Mr. Walton had the barracks rebuilt during February and March.

(101) Excellent discipline prevails in the detachment.

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and I find the men smart and efficient.

PRISONS.

- (102) A new mud gaol has been built at Kabba by Mr. Walton. Although a vast improvement on the former one it is not nearly so satisfactory as a stone building.
- (103) The average for the year of daily number of prisoners is 37.5.
- (104) 12 prisoners were transferred to Iokoja during the year.
- (105) The health of the prisoners has been good. Even in the trying time at the change of season there was very little sickness. The diet recommended in July by Dr. Foy the Sanitary Officer has had a very beneficial effect on those sent in from the Southern Division. Confinement used to tell heavily on these, many of whom were old men, but now all the prisoners are robust and healthy looking.
- (106) In November a case of small pox occurred in the gaol. The sufferer was a boy awaiting trial on a charge of murder. As the rash appeared on the 18th. of November he must have been infected before his admission on the 10th. November. He was isolated and no more cases appeared.

Kabba.

Name.	Tribe.	Date of admission.	Date of death.	Cause of death.
IFARIMI.	Igbirra.	30/10/10.	8/4/11.	Heart failure following dysentery.
ONOHIE.	Igbirra.	5/2/11.	17/4/11.	Venereal disease.
EKUTUA.	Yagba	11/1/11.	9/5/11.	Debility following dysentery.
MOMA.	Hausa.	8/3/11.	14/5/11.	
EVAGI.	Igbirra.	14/12/10.	11/6/11.	
OKUKU.	Igbirra.	15/10/10.	4/7/11.	Debility consequent on a mild attack of diarrhoea.
ORGAITA.	Kukuruku.	17/6/11.	28/7/11.	Sepsis Rheumatism.
AGBA.	Yagba.	10/11/11.	29/11/11.	Small pox.
ONOGANI.	Igbirra.	26/7/11.	14/12/11.	Shot whilst attempting to escape.

(109) Five of these (including the one shot), it will be noticed, are Igbirras, and one a Kukuruku. Confinement is a terrible punishment to them and under it they pine away. The Hausa, presented a parallel case. He told the Resident attending him that "Allah had died". He had no pain, nothing could be done for him.

work their surroundings are more or less like their home ones; they are housed better and receive better regulated diet than they would otherwise. Their final condition reminds me most forcibly of wild animals suffering from nostalgia pining to death.

(111) I would like to point out that, with the exception of Okuku, Onogani and Agba, all were old men. Okuku suffered from a variety of complaints on admission, one of which was elephantiasis in an advanced stage. Nvagi was a similar case. On admission he was a pitiable object with scarcely an ounce of flesh. His debility might have been cured had it not been for the state he was reduced to by innumerable guinea worms.

(112) There was one regrettable incidence during the year in connection with the prisoners, and that was the shooting of prisoner No. 382 ONOGANI by P.C. ANADU IBI whilst the former was attempting to escape. The P.C. was tried for manslaughter and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment, which sentence has been confirmed by His Honour the Chief Justice.

(113) The best testimony to the conditions the prisoners live under is given by their robust appearance.

PRISON FARM.

(114) Mr. Walton has a large area under cultivation - perhaps too large an area for the labour at his disposal. The guinea-corn crop has proved a good one and others look very promising.

- (115) Soya beans planted as an experiment proved a failure before the end of July. Practically the whole of the seed issued by the Forestry Officer was bad and it arrived at Kabba too late.
- (116) A blight threatens to spoil the cotton. Steps are being taken to stamp it out.

PUBLIC WORKS.

- (117) Three new one-roomed bungalows have been commenced by the P. W. D. A brick maker has been at Kabba for 5 months. 2,601 loads of material have been sent out, and a Foreman arrived in December who commenced the buildings.

TRANSPORT.

- (118) It is impossible to introduce animal transport as the Province is infested with tsetse. Capt. Peebles A/R. attempted to break in the small pagan cattle for this purpose, but, in spite of his experience in such work, his experiments met with failure.

POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

- (119) A weekly mail now connects Kabba with Lokoja.
- (120) There is a telegraph line to Egori and one to Egga. A line to Kabba would be of infinite service.