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Okene, 15th December, 1947.

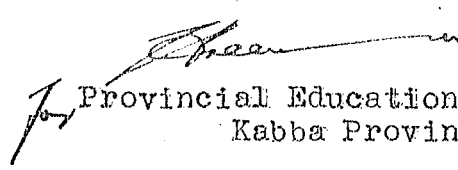
The Resident,
Kabba Province,
Lokoja.

Report on Activities of Education Department:
Kabba Province, 1947.

----- I attach a report on activities of the Education
Department in this Province during 1947.

2. Extracts have been sent to the District Officers for
inclusion in their Annual Reports.

JAY/MKA.


Provincial Education Officer,
Kabba Province.

Igala Division.

The main development in rural Education has been in Igala Division where two new schools were opened and new classes were added to existing schools. There are now eight Elementary Day Schools and two boarding or partially boarding Schools in this Division. The demand for Education continues to be very great and to help meet it 12 literacy classes, over and above those attached to elementary schools, were opened towards the end of the year. These classes may be replaced in time by full elementary schools. Almost all the Elementary Schools are now staffed with trained teachers and it is hoped to replace the pupil teachers in due course. The standard of Education given is not always satisfactory as the whole of this Province is in the grip of a rage for literacy, preferably in English, and everything else is regarded as frivolous.

2. School farms have been adversely reported on for some time by Visiting Agricultural Officers from Benue and Ibadan, as in all other matters, we suffer from a mixture of the Northern and Southern systems of Agriculture and with no Agriculture Officer in this Province to resolve the two systems it has been difficult to draw up a definite policy for school farm work.

Kabba Division.

3. In Kabba Division Education is in the hands of seven Missionary Societies. Where the Mission Schools are small or there are two or three small schools in one village the Native Authorities have sponsored Community Schools, uniting or closing the small inefficient schools in the village. Extreme poverty on the part of the Native Administration has made it difficult to give any real measure of assistance to these Community Schools and they tend to retain many of the characteristics of the Schools they have replaced.

4. The need in Kabba Division is for more trained teachers both for the Missions and the Community Schools. Large numbers of suitable candidates pass the Elementary Training Centre Entrance Examination each year but funds are not available for their training.

Koton Karifi Division.

Koton Karifi Division this year making a total of four Schools for this area. Unlike the rest of the Province the demand for Education is limited. The atmosphere is wholly Northern and the ~~reverain~~ people who trade extensively up and down the Niger, going as far as Onitsha, appear to set no value upon schooling.

Igbirra Division.

6. The number of Schools in Igbirra Division remains the same. Plans for the opening of new schools are being made. There is a very big demand for Education in Okene Town which could probably support another full Elementary School.

7. The tone in the Igbirra Schools is not thought to be very satisfactory. Most of the staff are trained but their efforts are limited to the absolute minimum required by the syllabus. Attempts to inject more enthusiasm for outside subjects have not been successful.

8. The Elementary Training Centre has had a satisfactory year. 10 of the 25 in the top class passed their Certificate Examination. One new teacher joined the staff. The teacher in charge was away on Temporary Transfer to the Southern Provinces for the latter part of the year when the Education Officer took over the Elementary Training Centre. Improvements have been made in broadening the work of this Institution by expanding the craft side.

9a. The Middle School started the year with the pupils taking exception to the new Headmaster. The top class were dismissed and discipline tightened up. An Ex-Royal West African Frontier Forces, Company Sergeant Major joined the staff towards the end of the year.

b. As in all the other schools the main interest of the pupils is in book learning. They will sit about all day studying books and are firmly convinced that within their pages is to be found the open sesame to untold wealth and unlimited happiness. They play games, attend cinema shows and get up concerts because ordered to do so and failure to comply might result in their dismissal.

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Mission Education.

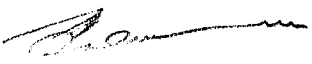
10. Mission Education. This Province has enjoyed a fair share of assistance from Central Government Funds this year. It is too early yet to see how this will effect the efficiency of the schools. The first result appears to have been for the Church members who previously maintained the schools to withdraw their financial support, leaving the schools little better off than before.

~~W(a)~~ Greater interest is now being shown in Okene Elementary Training Centre and Missions are entering suitable men for training.

~~W(b)~~ Expansion of Mission schools has been on a limited scale but a number of schools have been opened with but slight regard to the regulations. It is probable that there are several illegal schools.

~~W(c)~~ Standard in many cases is low and children from the Southern Provinces who have failed to gain admission into their own schools are readily accepted here. At Idah for example the R.C.M. School, which is assisted from Northern Provinces Funds, draws 66% of its pupils from the Southern Provinces.

CG/MKA.


Provincial Education Officer,
Kabba Province.

(Mr. Graham's draft)

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Lokoja, 23rd December, 1947.

The Divisional Marine Officer, Lokoja.
The Medical Officer, Lokoja.
The Provincial Engineer, Lokoja.
The Asst. Supt. of Police, Lokoja.
The Agricultural ~~AS~~ *AS*, Lokoja. *Okene*
The Provincial Forest Officer, Lokoja.
The Prov. Educ. officer, Okene

I should be obliged if you would let me have, as early as possible, notes on the activities of your Department during 1947 for inclusion in my annual Report.

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Ag. Resident,
Kaduna Province.

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Ohimege Igu.

No. 2806/
Lokoja, 19 December, 1947.

Annual Report, 1947 - matters of interest
for the preparation of.

Please send to the Resident early any matters of interest which have occurred in Koton Karifi during the year, for inclusion in his annual report.

RB
Asst. District Officer.

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The Resident,
Kabba Province,
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No. 916/29/40 6

Marine Department,
Lokoja, Nigeria.
23 December, 1947.

Kabba Province: Annual Report, 1947. p. 5.

With reference to your memo No. 2806/5 of 18th instant, I attach hereto notes in respect of the above mentioned report, please.

D.T.S. Sinclair

Divisional Marine Officer.

Marine Department,

Notes on Departmental Activities during 1947.

Maintenance of Craft:- The two Diesel Engine Launches "Heron" and "Hornbill" with the two Motor Car Barges and eleven poling Barges which are based on this Division were maintained in serviceable order.

S.L. "Margaret:-

The replating of this launch was completed in November, 1947, the launch has now left the Division.

Storage of Grain:-

Grain is being stored at the request of the Resident.

Meteorological Observation:- Four observers are attached to this station for the purpose of making day and night Meteorological observation, and telegraphing their results to Ikeja.

Petrol:-

This establishment undertakes on behalf of the Public Works Department the sale of petrol to other Departments.

Lower Niger River:-

The lowest reading of the river gauge at Lokoja was 4 feet 2 inches on the 15th May and the highest on the 4th October when it was 29 feet 2 inches.

Buoyage of the Rocky Section of the Niger:- The Rocky Section extends sixteen miles down river from Lokoja and the navigable channel was adequately buoyed by this department throughout the year.

Development:-

A new Transport Shed has been erected in the Dockyard and a new Platers Shed is in the process of being erected. A side carriage has arrived from Forcados for the Slipway. When erected this will complete the Slipway. Work has commenced on the Dockyard Revetment.

Shanahan:-

This Ferry was sent to Lokoja in September for overhaul and returned to Onitsha in December.

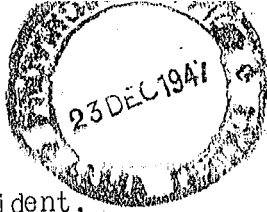
African Staff:-

Clerks Four
Messenger One
Deck Ratings Three
Artisan and Skilled Labourers Thirt-four.
Development :- Artisan and Skilled Labourers Three
Labourers Thirty-seven.

D.T. Sinclair

Divisional Marine Officer.

DTSS/JJO



No. 887 / 41.
Public Works Department,
Lokoja, Nigeria.
23rd December, 1947.

The Resident,
Kabba Province,
L O K O J A.

ANNUAL REPORT - P. W. D.
KABBA PROVINCE.

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11 With reference to your Circular Memorandum
No. 2806/5 of 18th December, 1947, I attach herewith
Annual Report for Calendar Year 1947, in respect of
Public Works Department Kabba Province.

J. J. Skinner

JCO:

Provincial Engineer, P.W.D.,
Kabba Province.

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KABBA PROVINCE.

P.W.D. REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1947.

1. P.W.D. STAFF. Up to 1/11 June 1947, the Provincial Engineer was MR. J. Iga (Executive Engineer Grade I) From that date until the end of the year, the Provincial Engineer was MR. A. G. Spinner (Executive Engineer Grade IV) The Duty post of Executive Engineer Okene has been vacant all the year.
- MR. F. W. Wymer, Inspector of Works Grade II, arrived in the Province on 12th October 1947 for duty at the Marine Staff Quarters construction, Lokoja.
- Four Engineering Assistants and Two Technical Assistants have been stationed in this Province throughout the year. A 4th Engineering Assistant was posted to this Province for training in May 1947 and is due to remain here for one year.
- Engineering Assistants are stationed at Lokoja (2), Okene, Idah and Kabba. Technical Assistants are stationed at Kampe River Bridge Site and Lokoja.

MR. H. WILLIAMSON, Improvement Officer attached to Public Works Department has been in the Province throughout the year and is in charge of Culvert and Bridge work on the Isanlu-Makatu-Egbe Road.

2. ROADS AND BRIDGES: No construction works have been carried out this year. The all-season roads have remained open to traffic for the entire year, with the following exceptions :-
- Shintaku-Ankpa-Benue Boundary Road closed for 5 weeks at Shintaku due to flood waters from the River Benue.
 - Kabba-Aiere Road. Closed for 4 days owing to bridge 10/8 having collapsed. Temporary bridge built.
3. MINOR WORKS:
- (a) A new Magazine for explosives has been completed in Lokoja.
 - (b) A new Kitchen has been completed in the Police Lines, Lokoja.
 - (c) A new latrine has been completed " " " " , Lokoja.
 - (d) - do - - do - Station "
 - (e) New Wash basins for Lokoja Hospital are in hand.
4. EXTRAORDINARY WORKS:
- (a) LOKOJA PRISON ASYLUM.
Two blocks of six cells for dangerous lunatics are almost completed.
 - (b) REPAIRS ON THE BRIDGE AT OKENE, LOKOJA.
Funds were issued in October 1947 for this work. Work on roads is in hand and materials are on order for the buildings.
 - (c) D.O.'S HOUSE, KABBA.
Funds issued in December 1947. Preliminary work in hand and materials on order.

(d) POST OFFICE AND POSTMASTER'S QUARTERS, KABBA.
(As (c) above)

PERMANENT WORKS:

(a) IBANLU-KAKAPO-RODE ROAD.

Work on constructing culverts and minor bridges in hand. Construction of the bridge over the Kampe River commenced in November 1947. Work has been held up owing to the level of the River Kampe.

(b) OSSARA-EGAIN ROAD:

This scheme has now been completed, apart from surfacing the road.

6. INVESTIGATIONS AND ESTIMATES:

Plans and estimates have been completed during the year for :-

- (a) New District Officer's Quarters, Kappa.
- (b) " Divisional Office, "
- (c) " Post Office, "
- (d) " Postmasters Quarters, "
- (e) Marine Staff Quarters, Lokoja.
- (f) New Post Office, Okene.
- (g) Postmaster's Quarters, Okene.
- (h) " Clerks' Quarters, "
- (i) " Extension to Lokoja Aerodrome.
- (j) " Quarters for Met. Staff, Lokoja Aerodrome.
- (k) First instalment New G.R.A., Lokoja.

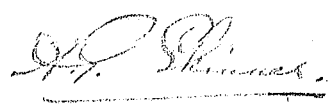
7. PLANNING SCHEMES:

The following planning schemes have been prepared and submitted for approval during the year:-

- (a) Okene Town Plan.
- (b) Proposed New Headquarters for Igala Division at Ataneguma.

8. NATIVE ADMINISTRATION WORKS:

Advice and assistance have been given as required to Native Administrations. It is understood that details of works are being submitted by District Officers.



PROVINCIAL ENGINEER, P.W.D.,
KABBA PROVINCE.

AGS/JCO:

Annual Report, 1947 - matters of interest.
for the preparation of.

With reference to your memorandum No.2806/ dated 19th December, 1947 received. I acknowledge the following as things seen fit to be forwarded as things of interest as regards the Annual Report of 1947.

1. Much progress has been achieved in the development of both new and Old town. The making of drainages and construction of new roads add much to the improvement. The laying out of new compounds in new town (Sabongari) is a great help and interest to the town because the environment of both new and old town have been Sanitarily bettered.

2. Koton Karifi as a whole remarked this year of an interest for the fact that Ohimege Igu has been elevated to the Second Class Chief.

3. Road Development. Maximum progress have already been achieved. Once temporal bridges converted to permanent, and some are yet on proposed building.

4. The Public Reading room and new Dispensary building now about to be roofed are one of the Significant buildings to be remarked in the interest.

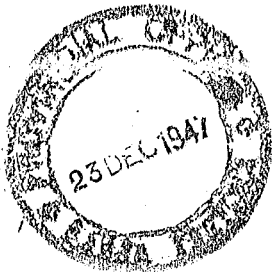
5. Health. The Medical Officers' help and Sanitary aids in combating small pox against penetration into Koton Karifi have greatly improved compared with previous years. But more effort is yet required.

6. Appointments. They are Madakin Garl and Alkali to fill the vacant posts.

7. Agriculture. There has no much disturbance or havoc displayed to the farm crops this year as regards pests. The export crops have largely increased in its usual quantity this year.

8. Taxation. It is of interest also to state that the General tax for 1947 increased after its ammendment.

MMS.

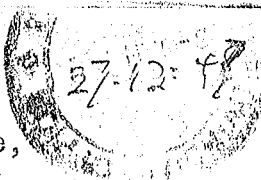


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The Resident,
Kabba Province,



No. 432/47-48/2.
Lokoja, 24th December, 1947.

Annual Report 1947.
Your No. 2806/5 of 18. 12. 47.

In Igala Division the reservation is not in any way satisfactory. The farmers cast eyes on Forest Reserves and continue asking for permission to farm in them. A Forest Reserve is not constituted to provide farming land so the giving away of reserves for farming purposes should cease immediately. Revisionary survey work is certainly necessary in some of the reserves in the Province in the near future.

2. At present, owing to shortage of staff, all that can be done is the general routine work and maintenance of the reserves already constituted.

3. It is regrettable that the staff position in the Department is such that it is impossible to post a Forest Officer to the Province during the year.

T.O.O.

TORWOSO
d Provincial Forest Officer.

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No. 284/14.1
FEBRUARY, 1948

The Secretary,
Northern Province,
K a b a p r o v i n c e

Kabba Province Annual Report, 1947.

forwarded herewith, in triplicate, Part 1 of the Annual Report, Kabba Province, for 1947.

Ag. Resident,
Kabba Province.

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