

PROVINCE..... ILLORIN ..... Report No. <sup>(1)</sup> 57.

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General Condition.

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The general condition of the Province during the year has been most satisfactory, there has been a well marked and steady improvement in all directions, especially in law and order.

(2). The Province is, as had been stated in past reports, divided into three Divisions each under a Political Officer.

(a). Illorin.

(b). Offa.

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chiefs would one day go before the Officer in Charge, another  
 treck all the way to Illorin, to lay before me some trivial,  
 but to them very real grievance. They were always listened to  
 and then informed that the Officer in Charge of their Division  
 was the proper person to lay their complaints before. I am  
 pleased to say that at the present moment, each division is  
 what I might call self containing, in fact a miniature Pro-  
 vince, where the Officer in Charge is not alone an administra-  
 tor, but a guardian to all, for one and all are intimately ac-  
 quainted not alone, with the important chiefs, but even with  
 the greater part of the talakawa. Needless to say this person-  
 al knowledge is not acquired by remaining at Divisional Head  
 quarters, but by constant and careful touring.

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representative  
of the main*

*Quite so*

(4). I consider that the healthy condition of the Pro-  
 in great part due to this touring, for the Political

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*This is as it  
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can then hear at first hand any complaints, and rectify them if possible on the spot. The many years I have served in the country has proved to me how necessary it is to deal at once with any real or imaginary grievance, and not let it fester and become a canker in the mind of the native; the native is much like a child, and inclined to sulk in the corner if he considers he has a grievance.

(5). It should however be noted that all natives are not the same, certainly, not in Offa Division; these gentry prefer to appeal to natives in Lagos for any redress they may want. I will briefly mention the most salient points of interest that have arisen during the year.

(6). During January Captain Anderson visited Ibadan with exhibits for the Agricultural Show. I am pleased to state that the Province gained six firsts, two seconds, three special prizes.

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and a silver medal. I regret to say that these Shows do not in any way appeal to the native of the Province; that the prizes were won, is due solely, to the time and trouble expended upon their selection by the Political Officers. That the Emir and chiefs who won prizes, were very delighted goes without saying, especially as the prizes were in money, but I doubt if any good results will accrue in the end.

*I think they will, gradually.*

(7). During January, most of the important District Heads came into Illorin, when staves of Office were presented to them and many points of interest discussed. These visits are, as I have said in past reports, of the utmost importance, for I am in a position to advise and possibly smooth away any points of friction that may exist. Again, should it be necessary to reprimand one chief for inattention to his duties, this reprimand will serve for all. In the past it was a com-

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*Take this look on these staves as confirmed in the*

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mon custom for a chief to believe that he had special orders, that what was said to another had no bearing on him; now they understand that they are each looked upon as an important unit of the whole.

(8). Early in February, a report was brought to me that the Emir had sent to the town of Eruku and collected £27 for his own use. I am pleased to say this charge was unfounded; the man who had masqueraded in the Emir's name, was arrested and punished. It is to be deplored that, thanks to the advice of the people across the border, the Emir is constantly irritated, almost outraged, by such complaints; never once have they been substantiated, but the indignity rankles all the same.

(9). During February, I made an extended tour through Nos. 2 and 3 Divisions to see what progress had been made. I may say at once that I was gratified and astonished at the progress

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made. I was especially pleased with the condition of Ajassepo, but I regret to say the Olupo (District Head) died shortly after my visit. He was a most intelligent and useful man and his place will be difficult to fill. Almost the whole of Nos. 1 and 2 Divisions were under his predecessors, prior to the advent of the Fulani. He ruled his people well and justly and encouraged them by example, as well as precept, to improve their farms and cultivate cotton. From Ajassepo I passed to Awtun via Offa, Omu and Orimope. I found that the chief complaint these District Heads made was the desire of the small villages to break away from central control. I will discuss this matter later on when dealing with the question of land rent.

(10). At Awtun I found the ORE as usual more interested in his wives than his work; he is a young man, almost too young

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to deal with the elders of the town, who are, one and all, members of a secret society, the Oghoni; this society in the past held very great power. I should not like to state that they do not possess it at the present time, and this power needless to say, was not such that the Government could countenance. I will refer to this chief when dealing with Of-fa Division; for I understand from Mr Chapman, that lately there has been a welcome improvement in him.

(11). From Awtun I proceeded to Pateji, passing through Egbe and other important villages. At Egbe my time was fully occupied; the senior chief next to the Asalu, was creating friction and disorder, so much so that he had to be tried in the Provincial Court and sentenced to be deposed. It was unfortunate that later on the Asalu himself had to suffer the same penalty. I will refer to this when dealing with Pateji Division.

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(12). On arrival at Padda, I was met by Mr Assistant Resident Budgen, who is in charge of this division. I found here a certain amount of friction between the Pagan and Mohammedan elements; briefly stated it was due to the Mohammedan portion of the population wishing to evade paying their share of the land rent; so that the whole would fall upon the Pagans. Naturally, I put a stop to such a procedure and informed the Mohammedans that they would have to pay their share as of course. well as the others; it should be noted that the Mohammedans were, by far, the more wealthy of the two.

(13). From Pateji, I returned to Illorin via Lafiaji and Oke Odde. This tour once again proved to me how difficult it is to administer the Pagan division of Offa and I consider Mr Chapman has accomplished a most excellent work and made a real, and I trust, lasting improvement.

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(14). The following were the principal points discussed with the different district Heads. (1) the importance of touring their districts, (2) that the land rent must be collected as a whole and not by instalments. (3) the encouragement of trade generally and especially of cotton. (4) the sanitation of towns and villages. (5) that District Heads should take the initiative themselves and not wait for the Political Officer to direct them to carry out some prominent and necessary reform.

(15). The month of May will be memorable for the sad death of His Majesty King Edward VII. The news was received with profound regret, not alone by the Staff, but by the Emir and his people. The Emir, so soon as he had been informed of the sad event, came at once to the Residency with all his chiefs to express his grief, and to state that he had issued orders

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that all marriages and feasts in the town were forbidden, the markets were closed, and no drumming whatever would be permitted. He sent a long telegram to His Excellency Zungeru in the name of himself and his chiefs, expressing his sorrow.

(6). On the 8th May His Excellency Sir Hesketh Bell and Staff arrived at Jebba and was received by myself, the heads of the Railway, and the Representative of the Niger Company. On the 9th May His Excellency left Jebba for Illorin, where he was received by the Staff of the Province, the Emir and all the principal chiefs. It was unfortunate that His Excellency's visit took place at such a time, as it was impossible to have the barbaric reception that would have been accorded without showing a certain amount of disrespect to the illustrious head. The Emir clothed himself in black and only permitted

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important chiefs and their immediate followers to be present.

The drummers, pipers, &c and all those who go to make the noisy portion of such a reception were conspicuous by their absence.

(17). On the 10th His Excellency visited the square mile and decided to remove the Residency and Offices from their present position to this area. I would once again point out how important and necessary these visits of the Governor are to a Province. The Emir and his chiefs are prone to look upon the Resident in charge as all important, the Governor appears to them a kind of visionary body who has little or any connection with the Province other than receiving the revenue derived from it.

(18). During April, a new experiment was tried, this was -ing out the four senior chiefs of Illorin to tour

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with certain judicial powers. I am pleased to state that their tours were most successful, many abuses were rectified by them on the spot that previously would have escaped, if not detection, certainly punishment. For, by the time they were sent in to Headquarters, many of the witnesses, if not all, would have run back to their farms.

(19). During this month, there was a certain amount of friction in the town of Awtun. Abibu, the son of the Ex Ore, who had been deported, attempted to usurp the chief power and acted in a very high handed manner; his actions might have had serious consequences, especially in such a pagan town. He was however arrested without trouble and tried by the native court Illorin. During June, envoys were sent from Illorin to Zungeru to salute His Excellency. This was the first occasion such a mission had been sent, the Emir and his chiefs, I imagine,

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expected that such a procedure could only mean trouble. He and the whole town were highly gratified at the return of these men, who gave a graphic account of their visit. Needless to say, I took advantage of this unique occasion to point out certain facts that possibly might have escaped their memory, laying special stress on the fact that the Ex Emir of Bauchi had died in disgrace and exile in their town, through disobeying the commands of His Excellency.

(20). I proceeded to England on leave at the end of July and left the Province in charge of Captain Anderson.

(21). It is to be regretted that during this month two important District Heads had to be removed from their position for neglect of their duties. Such a removal was absolutely necessary, firstly as a warning to all the other District Heads, secondly the steady and well marked pro-

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gress of the Province could not be jeopardised by the laziness of an individual. These removals were of great importance, for the men removed were important sub chiefs and the people under them recognised that the Government showed no favour to members of the Sarauta. They, like the talakawa, were all on the same level when charged with wrongdoing. This seems a minor matter to mention in a report, but it is of great importance; for formerly under the native administration, it was the rarest of rare events, if ever, for a chief to be punished.

(22). The quarter ending 31st December was most uneventful, with the exception that Illorin Province gained seven first, three second, three special prizes and one gold medal at the Lagos Agricultural Show. Illorin has been most successful time it has sent exhibits to Southern Nigeria, but J

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cannot continue to be so successful; some day the District Of-  
ficers of Southern Nigeria will take as much trouble as we do  
and lower our standard of excellence.

O F F A. D I V I S I O N.  
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(23). Offa Division under the careful supervision of Mr Chap-  
man, has made the most surprising progress. This Division has  
always been looked upon as the most difficult to administer in  
the Province. Its close proximity to Southern Nigeria and the  
character of its inhabitants, have combined to retard its pro-  
gress to a great degree. I will quote the most important para-  
graphs from Mr Chapman's annual report.

(24). The general condition of the Division has been most sat-  
isfactory, many causes of friction between the different pagan  
headmen were settled in a manner satisfactory to both sides.

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The question of the ownership of farms &c were a fruitful source of worry and annoyance. It is urgently necessary in this Division to give a decision at once and see that it is obeyed by both sides. These people, I regret to say, are very prone to take the law into their own hands, and fly to midnight arson as a means of gaining their ends. They are fully aware how difficult it is to procure a conviction for such an offence, for they know, that the Political Officer will not prosecute and punish, unless he is convinced he has the guilty person before him.

(25). A certain amount of friction took place between the towns of Ojoku and Olobondoroko and the District Head appointed over them. I am pleased to say Mr Chapman dealt with subject in a stringent way and put an end, for the present at least, of all causes of friction.

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(26). The dispute between the villages of Rore and Aronrin, which has been going on for years, has also been settled. Mr Chapman should be complimented on the clever manner in which he had dealt with this case; his decision came as a surprise, and one of the towns in question, at once stated that their claim was groundless, and asked that the matter should be left as it was. This Mr Chapman would not allow and directed that his decision should be adhered to.

(27). As Mr Chapman had been having constant trouble in the Isanlu district, he proposed that an Illorin chief should be appointed as District Head. Ajia Opelle was appointed at his request. As this chief had evinced what Mr Chapman calls mis-directed energy in the past, he hoped that given a district of his own to look after, this man would be of use to the Government.

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(28). During the year an experiment was made which has been justified by success. This was the tour of the Balogun Gambari with judicial powers. He enquired into many matters which had escaped Mr Chapman's notice, or rather which had not been reported to him. This chief, by his personal knowledge, was enabled to settle many disputes and apportion out punishment that would have been impossible for a European.

(29). Afon district has been somewhat of a disappointment, as Abdulkadiri, the eldest son of the senior chief in Illorin, has practically done nothing during the year. Mr Chapman has settled all his disputes for him, and got his district in hand. It appears he is more willing to follow Mr Chapman round than take any initiative himself. I fear that a stronger man will have to be appointed in his place. It is inconceivable to me that these men, knowing they have the support of the Government and the

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Emir, do not take up a stronger line of policy. It is quite a common occurrence for him to seek Mr Chapman's advice as how to deal with a recalcitrant village of, perhaps ten to twelve, people who have refused to carry out his orders.

Ajassepo. The new District Head appears to be satisfactory and ----- has toured his district which certainly wanted it. This man has a difficult task in taking the place of the late Olupo, who was a particularly intelligent and hardworking man. I regret to say Mr Chapman does not report well on the district of Igbadja. It is a large one with a weak and old district Head. It is proposed to combine this district with Ajassepo in the coming year; this will lessen the Political work, and be, in my opinion, satisfactory in every way.

(30). It cannot be denied that there are too many districts in this division. The conditions at first were such that I was compelled

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elled to appoint more men than I approved of. As the Province progresses, these will grow less and less by combining two or more districts under one district Head.

OFFA. As I have stated previously, there has been a wellmarked and satisfactory progress in this district. The town, so far as cleanliness is concerned, has been improved out of recognition. A welcome improvement is that the Oloffo, or chief, is taking much more interest in his duties and does not wait to be ordered to carry out some prominent and necessary reform.

The improvement of this district is due to Mr Chapman, who has worked with the greatest zeal, and deserves great praise. He has had to cope with annoying difficulties, due to the large percentage of Southern Nigeria natives who have flocked into the town, owing to the presence of the railway.

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(32). The rest of this division does not call for report other than it is also progressing favourably on the lines of law and order.

P A T E J I D I V I S I O N .  
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(33). Mr Budgen reports most satisfactorily on Pateji Division in which he is in charge. The whole Division has been reorganised and placed under more efficient control.

(34). The chiefs and Headmen, are more closely associated with the Government, and are gradually realising that the Government policy is such, as will benefit their country and themselves. Monetary extortion by the chiefs may be said to be extinct, as they realise that certain and severe punishment would be meted out to them. Mr Budgen, however, complains that the chiefs will

not take the initiative themselves or even suggest measures, which in their opinion, would tend to improve the conditions of

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to much at first*

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the people. This inaction may be put down to a fear of offending some section of their people, or might be considered arbitrary and incur the displeasure of the Government. They are however ready to carry out official instructions and to co-operate with the Political Officer.  
*This is satisfactory and as much as can be expected at present*

(35). The whole Division is in a most satisfactory condition.

The only disturbance during the year occurred at Egbe; this was due to a religious reformation which has been in progress during the year. This remarkable wave of Christianity promises to spread among the Pagans and will not quickly subside.

(36). The disturbance at one time looked serious, but the Asalu or headman, by his oppressive acts, made himself so disliked that he had few adherents.

(37). A strip of new territory has been ceded to this division by Nupe Province, through the fixing of the inter Prov:

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boundary on the right side of the Niger at one mile from low water. A certain amount of friction exists between the Kuta of Mureji and these ceded villages, this I trust will pass away with time.

PATEJI DISTRICT.  
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(38). This includes the three districts of Pateji, Padda and Lade. This is, I understand from Mr Budgen, the best administered portion of the Division. The Emir and the District Heads are taking a loyal and praiseworthy interest in their work, and the development of the district and make their authority felt.

(39). The present Alkali appears to be a very upright judge and gives complete satisfaction.

(40). Lafiaji District. This includes the four districts of Lafiaji, Ndeji, Ndachiku and Oke Odde. I will refer to these latter on. The Emir of Lafiaji is, as usual, not very well re-

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on. Mr Budgen states he is willing enough to please, but has little or no influence. He is more wrapt up in some petty intrigue than in the administration of his Emirate. Mr Budgen states that the town of Lafiaji is a hot bed of bribery and corruption, one good sign is that the people are beginning to understand that they can obtain redress from Mr Budgen and are bringing their complaints before him. Many of the most influential headmen have associated themselves with the Government, by assuming the duties of District Heads. I am pleased to state that not a single complaint has been brought against them.

(41). Oke Odde district. Considerable progress has been made  
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in this district. New roads have been opened up, and the district thoroughly toured both by Mr Budgen and the District Head. It is to be regretted that the District Head is an ol

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man and hardly able to stand the strain of constant touring,  
and the worries that the collection of land rent must entail.

The Emir of Lafiaji's son has been appointed to succeed him.

This chief is heir apparent to the Emirate, and the work he is  
now doing will be of the greatest use to him when he is called  
upon to assume control of the Emirate of Lafiaji.

(42). Egbe District. Great changes have taken place in this dist-  
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rict during the past year. These people, low class pagans, un-  
der the yoke of the fetish priests, were subject to various  
forms of oppression by the priests that they never thought of  
reporting. They had little individuality or inducement to ac-  
quire property, for it might at any time be requisitioned by  
the priests for religious purposes, such as feasts, &c.

(43). More than half the people have thrown off the fetish yoke  
*Very satisfactory*  
and the power of the priests is, therefore, practically ex

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The result has been that ambition has been awakened in the individual; he has acquired stock of his own, the people have cultivated cotton, and many miles of new roads have been opened with excellent bridges constructed. Although the assessment was raised, their tribute was paid readily without demur (44). Mr Budgen states that this improved condition of affair is due to the efforts and influence of two members of the Sudan Mission, whose work deserves recognition. Their efforts are wholly disinterested and they have never taken any action that might be construed as interference with the chief's authority. Any complaints that came to their notice were sent to Mr Budgen for investigation.

(45). It is only natural that the head chief viewed with suspicion and dislike the awakening of the people, and resorted to all kinds of means to get rid of the Mission. He sent ]

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ters to Illerin and Pateji lodging false complaints that the Mission were usurping his authority &c, and stating that the people had get completely out of hand, were disloyal and refused to pay their tribute to the Government.

(46). As a final ruse, he abdicated in the hopes that Government would replace him and remove the Mission. Needless to say he did not succeed and his resignation was accepted. He now resides at Lade District, a sadder and I trust, wiser man.

*who succeeded him*

EMIRS AND CHIEFS.  
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(47). As I stated in my past reports, so must I repeat in this, that I cannot speak too highly of the loyalty and correct behaviour of the Emir and principal Chiefs. Owing to his loyal cooperation, crime in the Province has, and is, decreasing every year; the revenue is collected without trouble or arrears, and the people under him are enjoying a peace that a few

*I am very glad to hear this*

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they thought ~~it~~ would never be theirs.

(48). He has encouraged his chiefs who are acting as District Heads to carry out their duties in a careful manner and to at once report, if they are unable themselves to rectify any abuse that may be brought before them.

(49). I have no hesitation in hazarding the opinion that the Emir of Illerin ranks second to no other Emir in the Protectorate for loyalty to the Government and the people who are under him.

(50). The four senior chiefs are also trustwerthy and loyal men for they take their cue from the Emir.

(51). The Pagan chiefs of Offa Division, as a whole, have also carried out their duties in a most satisfactory manner. One or two have given a certain amount of trouble, but any trouble or worry they have caused has been counterbalanced by the good

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work of the others.

*Pan* (52). Mr Chapman deserves great credit for the manner in which he has advised and guided these men. Offa Division is not an easy one to administer, owing to the proximity of the Southern Nigeria boundary; but the progress made by the chiefs of this Division has been most satisfactory.

(53). The chiefs of Pateji Division with the exception of the Emir of Lafiaji and the Asalu of Egbe, have also given satisfaction. Mr Budgen's just and firm rule is responsible for this happy condition.

DECENTRALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT.  
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(54). The Province is, as been said in past reports, divided into three Divisions for administrative purposes.

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(a). Illerin.

(b). Offa.

(c). Pateji.

Each Division is under a Political Officer who is responsible for its welfare, and the widest latitude is given to each in dealing with local affairs. Each Division is sub divided into Districts with its District Head, who is responsible for the collection of land rent and the peace and order of the villages grouped together to form the District.

(55). This decentralization has been found to work admirably.

The suspicion and distrust that were such prominent features in the past has completely vanished.

(56). Almost every town and village has been personally visited

and assessed by one of the European staff, and grouped into Dis

tricts with the most gratifying results. The District Head

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quite satisfied with their position and would not, even if allowed, return to reside in Illerin town. I am pleased to state that the Emir has quite outgrown his suspicions that the appointment of District Heads would, in the end, spell disaster to his authority. He sees for himself that instead of weakening they are strength ing his authority, and binding the people together under him in a manner he could not conceive.

(57). Certain chiefs who reside in Illerin do not view with any great pleasure this decentralization, for they are no longer in a position to send secret messengers unknown to the Government to demand money and produce. The District Heads are one and all most jealous of their position, and do not hesitate to report to me any attempts to undermine or interfere with their power or duties.

#### Assessment.

----- The assessment of the Province has been comp<sup>l</sup>

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reorganised during the past year. The Emir and chiefs were in-  
formed that it was my intention to revise the land rent every  
three years. This, I consider, was fair, not alone to the Gov-  
ernment, but to the people themselves. In my opinion it would  
be a fatal policy to change and alter the assessment each year.  
It is absolutely necessary that the Emir and chiefs should thor-  
oughly understand our policy, and I think that three years is  
a fair limit for them to see for themselves what we are aiming  
at.

(58). Of course, individual villages may have their rents rais-  
ed or lowered as the case may be, during this period, but only  
for some very good reason. This reason being brought to notice  
by one of the Baloguns when returning from tour. It is satisfac-  
-tory to know that the Emir and chiefs now, no longer, ask for  
reduction of rent paid by a town, simply because the headman

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has asked them to make such a request. This was a common custom some years ago.

(59). In assessing towns and villages, my aim has been to secure the highest rent, compatible with justice and the local conditions. I cannot think that it serves any good purpose to submit a schedule of rents to Zungeru, that I am not able to collect, at least before the end of the financial year. Up to the present, I have avoided having any arrears at the end of the year and I hope to continue doing so.

(60). The incidence for the whole Province pans out at  $1\frac{1}{3}$  per adult male and female and  $2\frac{1}{4}$  adult male. Once again I must state that I place no real significance on the quoting of incidence. It may possibly look well and sound <sup>well</sup> in a report, but until we have more reliable information as to the population; the wealth of the individual I consider the quoting of

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the incidence as so much waste of time, for it can, in its present state, only lead to incorrect conclusions.

(61). The incidence on the farm population is decidedly high as compared with the urban, and up to the present, it has been found impossible to adjust the tax in the three divisions, so that the incidence would pan out somewhat the same. Offa has been the ~~most~~ stumbling block, it being composed of large pagan towns close to the Southern Nigeria border ~~with~~ <sup>the</sup> people of which particularly dislike taxation. Mr Chapman has, however, arranged for a satisfactory increase during the coming year.

(62). The great difficulty in assessing Illerin Province lies in the fact that it is composed of different tribes viz:- Illerins, Igbenas and Nupes with a level of all the tribes of Northern Nigeria. These latter are a perfect nuisance, most

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of them are runaway slaves from Kano, Sokoto, Bernu, &c who form communities and do all they can to avoid payment of any tax. These people are in no way welcome; they are one and all gamblers, many of them bad characters and past masters in the art of idleness to a man.

(63). As I have stated in past reports, the assessment may be considered as a proportional capitation tax based on the value of the crops, industries and sylvan products. For fear of being misunderstood, I better explain what I mean by proportional capitation. The Political Officer assesses a village at so much and then leave it to the headman to apportion this amount among the individuals according to their wealth. Experience has proved that this is the most satisfactory way of dealing with the subject; in fact I consider it is the only possible way to arrive at a fairly correct conclusion.

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COLLECTION OF LAND RENT.  
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(64). At the commencement of the financial year the Emir sends his messengers out into the districts warning the different headmen that the time has come for them to collect their taxes each has an arabic book with the name of each village and the amount it has to pay entered in it. It also contains instructions that the whole amount is to be collected in one lump sum and not piecemeal.

(65). These men collect the rents and bring it in to the Emir who sends it up to my office where it is counted before one of the Political Officers and divided in accordance with instructions laid down. By these means I am assured that the whole amount is collected and not only the Government share. A very proper precaution to take in my opinion. No. 1 Division, Ilorin

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composed of 1377 villages grouped together to form 24 Districts each under its own District Head, formerly an Office Holder in Illorin town, is assessed at £3618:13:8 land rent and £1920:8:6 Jangali, Government share £3324:4:10.

No. 2 Division, Offa, composed of 340 villages grouped into 9 districts and assessed at £1137:17:6 of which Government receives £568:18:9.

Pateji Division composed of 963 villages grouped into 10 districts, is assessed at £1963:18:8 of which Government takes £1476:8:9 including £6:18:8 jangali. As I have previously stated the assessment has been reorganised for the coming year and the figures given above have been largely increased.

#### R O A D S.

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(66). Roughly 250 miles of new roads have been

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the Province during the year. About 200 miles were constructed in Pateji Division at a minimum cost of not more than £20. These manner roads average some six feet in width and are raised about one foot and connect all the important markets in the Division. One of the most important is that connecting Lafiaji and Oke Odde along which there is considerable traffic. A twelve foot road is being constructed from Illorin to meet this and will do much to open up trade with Oke Odde District. The main trade route through Pateji and Lafiaji to Illorin has been put into thorough repair. Good stock bridges have been erected where necessary and the road over the swamp at Lafiaji raised considerably. Over 52 miles of new roads were constructed in Offa Division and the main road from Offa to Awtun thoroughly cleaned and repaired and many bush paths cleaned and

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(67). The following is a comparative statement showing the cases tried in the Provincial Court during the past three years.

| CRIME.                            | 1910.     | 1909.     | 1908      |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Police Proclamation.....          | 1         | -         | 1         |
| Rape.....                         | -         | 1         | 2         |
| Delaying Mails.....               | -         | -         | 2         |
| Possession Poisoned Arrows.....   | -         | 1         | -         |
| Escaping from Custody.....        | 1         | 1         | -         |
| FORGERY.....                      | -         | -         | 2         |
| Liquor Proclamation.....          | 16        | 4         | 17        |
| Resisting Arrest.....             | -         | -         | -         |
| Damage of Property.....           | -         | 1         | -         |
| Breach of Peace.....              | -         | -         | 1         |
| Disobeying Lawful Orders.....     | -         | 1         | -         |
| Corruption & abuse of Office..... | -         | 1         | -         |
| Cantonment Proclamation.....      | 14        | -         | 1         |
|                                   | <u>32</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>26</u> |

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| Crime.                            | 1910 | 1909 | 1908 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|
|                                   | 32   | 10   | 26   |
| Disturbing Religion.....          | -    | -    | 1    |
| Assault.....                      | 13   | 22   | 14   |
| Robbery with Violence.....        | -    | 2    | 1    |
| Disorderly Conduct.....           | 1    | 3    | -    |
| Larceny.....                      | 32   | 28   | 13   |
| Burglary.....                     | 7    | 2    | 5    |
| Fouling Well.....                 | -    | 1    | -    |
| Arson.....                        | -    | -    | 2    |
| Customs Regulation.....           | 2    | 1    | -    |
| Proclamation 1 of 1906.....       | 2    | 1    | -    |
| Do. 2 of 1906.....                | 10   | 5    | 1    |
| Do. 2 of 1907.....                | 1    | 4    | -    |
| Departmental Fine.....            | -    | 1    | -    |
| Contempt of Court.....            | -    | -    | 1    |
| Placing stones on R'way Line..... | -    | 1    | -    |
| Personation and Extortion.....    | 9    | 5    | 2    |
| Post and Telegraphs.....          | 1    | 1    | -    |
| Perjury.....                      | -    | -    | 2    |
| FRAUD.....                        | 1    | 4    | 1    |
| Attempt to Murder.....            | -    | -    | 1    |
|                                   | 111  | 91   | 70   |

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| Crime                            | 1910 | 1909 | 1908 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|
|                                  | 111  | 91   | 70   |
| MURDER.....                      | 2    | 1    | 2    |
| Receiving stolen property.....   | -    | 1    | 1    |
| Demanding Property.....          | -    | -    | 1    |
| Compelling Action.....           | -    | 1    | -    |
| Firearms.....                    | 2    | -    | -    |
| Indecent Assault.....            | 1    | -    | -    |
| Slavery.....                     | 1    | -    | -    |
| False Assumption of Authority... | 1    | -    | -    |
| Damage of Trees.....             | 2    | -    | -    |
| Destroying crops.....            | 1    | -    | -    |
| Attempt to pervert justice.....  | 1    | -    | -    |
| Abduction.....                   | 1    | -    | -    |
|                                  | 123  | 94   | 74   |

(68). The following is a comparative statement of the sentences for the past three years.

|                              | 1910 | 1909 | 1908 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Five years and over....2.... |      | 7    |      |
| Two years and over.....4.... |      | 4    |      |
| One year and over..... 4     |      | 10   |      |

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|                     | 1910 | 1909 | 1908 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|
| Under one year..... | 37   | 31   | 45   |

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|                       |                    |    |    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----|----|
| One man received..... | 24... (2 men)..... | 24 |    |
| One man received..... | 18... (3 men)..... |    | 18 |
| One man received..... | 12.....            |    |    |

NATIVE COURTS.

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| (69). Nature of case.   | 1910 | 1909 | 1908 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|
| Assault.....            | 31   | 38   | 35   |
| Debt.....               | 94   | 69   | 78   |
| Divorce.....            | 269  | 293  | 239  |
| Ownership of Farms..... | 1    | -    | 3    |
| do.    do Cows.....     | 3    | 11   | -    |
| do.    do. Various..... | 26   | 29   | 29   |
| Theft.....              | 35   | 40   | 35   |
| Death Duties.....       | 8    | 1    | 14   |
| Pawning.....            | 2    | -    | -    |
| Slavery.....            | 7    | 1    | 4    |
| Arson.....              | 2    | 2    | 4    |
| Attempt to Murder.....  | -    | 3    | 2    |
|                         | 478  | 487  | 443  |

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|                                     | 1910 | 1909 | 1908 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|
|                                     | 478  | 487  | 443  |
| Disobedience of Orders.....         | 5    | 3    | 15   |
| Malicious Damage.....               | 4    | 4    | 1    |
| Desertion.....                      | -    | 2    | 2    |
| Sanitation.....                     | 5    | 3    | -    |
| Cruelty to Animals.....             | 1    | 1    | -    |
| Extortion.....                      | -    | 1    | -    |
| Rape.....                           | 3    | 1    | -    |
| Attempted Poisoning.....            | -    | 1    | -    |
| Breach of Contract.....             | -    | 1    | -    |
| Accused of Poisoning.....           | 2    | 1    | -    |
| Delivering False Message.....       | -    | 1    | -    |
| Trespassing.....                    | -    | 1    | -    |
| Dissolution of Engagement.....      | -    | 2    | -    |
| Witchcraft.....                     | 2    | 1    | -    |
| Spreading False Report.....         | -    | 1    | -    |
| Memadu being made Alkali.....       | -    | 1    | -    |
| Change of Boundary.....             | -    | 1    | -    |
| False Accusation.....               | -    | 1    | -    |
| Refusing to accept legal coin.....  | -    | 2    | -    |
| Value of crops devoured by goats &c | -    | 1    | -    |
|                                     | 500  | 517  | 461  |

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|                                        | 1910 | 1909 | 1908 |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|
|                                        | 500  | 517  | 461  |
| Breach of Peace.....                   | 1    | 1    | -    |
| Compensation for Goat.....             | -    | 1    | -    |
| Dispute on Property.....               | 3    | -    | -    |
| Seduction.....                         | 1    | -    | -    |
| Adultery.....                          | 2    | -    | -    |
| Attempted Rape.....                    | 2    | -    | -    |
| De. Seduction.....                     | 1    | -    | -    |
| Insane.....                            | 1    | -    | -    |
| Damage to Property.....                | 3    | -    | -    |
| Stabbed.....                           | 1    | -    | -    |
| Selling False Measures.....            | 1    | -    | -    |
| Fighting.....                          | 7    | -    | -    |
| Pregnancy.....                         | 1    | -    | -    |
| Found in possession of stolen articles | 1    | -    | -    |
| Recovery of Marriage Beads.....        | 1    | -    | -    |
| Seeking place of Abode.....            | 2    | -    | -    |
|                                        | 528  | 519  | 461  |

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|--------------------|-------|
| Illerin Court..... | 339.  |
| Shonga De.....     | 3.    |
| Pateji De.....     | 13.   |
| Lafiaji De.....    | 3.    |
| Offa do.....       | 45.   |
| Share do.....      | 15.   |
| Ajassepe de.....   | 20.   |
| Jebba do.....      | 45.   |
| Padda do.....      | 4.    |
| Malete do.....     | 3.    |
| Igporin do.....    | 23.   |
| Paiye do.....      | 2.    |
| Ajidungari do..... | 13.   |
|                    | ----- |
|                    | 528.  |

No. of persons sentenced to imprisonment..... 13

No. of persons flogged..... 11

Amount of Court Fees..... £58: 2: 2

Amount of Court Fines..... £61: 5: 6

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NATIVE COURTS.



(70). There were 528 cases tried in the Native Courts of the Province during the year and I may say that on the whole I am satisfied at the way they are carrying out their duties. Illorin Court is, of course, the most important; the others are merely in an embryonic stage and the little they do, gives hopes for the future. The Illorin Court tried 339 cases, and as said in my last annual report, it is most satisfactory that not a single appeal was made against the decision of this court. Every day the Emir and his chiefs see more clearly the importance of doing away with corruption and abuse, that a pure judiciary is not alone a benefit to those that apply to the court, but to the court itself. It would be too much to expect that no abuses exist, but I consider these abuses are becoming fewer in number and of less

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importance.

(71). As I said in my past reports, the courts were at first afraid to submit a return of the cases tried for some reason best known to themselves and were content to forward me a list of cases tried that were remarkable for their simplicity, month after month in the early days dowry and divorce appeared to be the only cases tried but ~~as~~ gradually when it was seen I was not impatient at the decisions given, other items were added. Of course divorce must necessarily at present form the major part of the cases tried and next to it debt, theft and assault. Offa, Jebba and Igporin courts rank next in efficiency. The remaining courts only tried three or four cases each. As I said in my last annual report, I do not advocate the withdrawal of warrants from these courts they sanction to a certain degree the decisions given.

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headmen or Elders; this is especially the case in the pagan courts, where Mohammedan Law is unknown all, cases in these courts being tried by what they call "The wisdom of the Elders which I see no need to cavil at.

*I fully concur.*

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(72). On glancing at the schedule of crimes for the past three years, Your Excellency will notice that there is a gradual, I might almost say arithmetical progress of crime in the Province. This increase however, is only apparent, due to the better manner in which the different District Heads are carrying out their work. Naturally, assaults and larceny form by far the larger per centage of the crimes. The presence of the railway has brought a large influx of strangers, many of whom as I have stated in past reports appear to think that the law of

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Northern Nigeria does not apply to them. Of the 123 cases tried in the Provincial Courts 39 were committed by Non Natives.

(73). Personation and extortion appear to be the favourite pursuits of these gentry. They are all dressed in European clothes, speak English (one had the impertinence to call a native to interpret for him) and carry books with them from which they issue bogus receipts.

(74). One man, an old offender, had the consummate impertinence to visit the district of Oke Moro telling the inhabitants that His Excellency the Governor of Southern Nigeria had said no more land rent was to be collected, and that he would collect the last rent for the last time. issued receipts for the money collected and very nearly escaped over the border. I am pleased to say that the Emir managed to ar-

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him before he succeeded in doing so. Heavy sentences with flogging were awarded in all such cases, but I fear such severity will have no effect. Such men once they have enjoyed the ease and luxury of living on the people like parasites will not feel inclined to mend their ways and earn an honest living. Burglary has also been on the increase, though I am pleased to say without violence.

(75). The increase of civilization is, in my opinion, the cause of the increase of larceny and burglary. The people have acquired a taste for luxuries unknown to them during the past naturally the bad characters look upon larceny as the easiest and swiftest way to obtain their desires.

(76). Slavery may be c<sup>o</sup> R Y.

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## R E V E N U E.

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(77). The revenue for the year ending 31st March 1910 amounted to £4875:0; 2 being an increase of £1447: 19: 11 over the past year. The following is a comparative statement showing the revenue for the past three years under their different heads.

| TAX                  | 1910            | 1909     | 1908      |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| Jangali              | 456.17.6        | 436.5.6  | -         |
| Land Rent            | 3155.11.5       | 2337.8.9 | 2331.17.3 |
| Petty Traders        | -               | -        | 505.0.0   |
| Traders' Licenses    | 50.0.0          | 20.0.0   | -         |
| Liquor Licenses      | 68.19.6         | 2.3.6    | 29.19.0   |
| Other Licenses       | 39.18.6         | 27.5.6   | 49.5.6    |
| Court Fines          | 75.17.6         | 105.1.0  | 103.15.0  |
| Court Fees           | 9. 6.6          | 7.6.6    | 0. 15.0   |
| Customs on Parcels.  | -               | -        | -         |
| do. do. Salt         | 944.3.9         | 485.4.   | -         |
| do. do. Export Goods | 44.5.6          | -        | -         |
| Miscellaneous.       | 30.0.0          | -        | -         |
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T R A D E.  
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(78). It is impossible to give statistics of the trade of the Province as there are no data to work on. The several merchants object to declare what they are doing, hence anything I might write would be guess work and so unreliable. That the trade of the Province has and is increasing. I would say without contradiction, one has only to watch the crowd of petty traders that are flocking all over the Province, laden with Manchester goods (cloth, looking-glasses and coloured beads). A tremendous trade must also be done in a cheap form of cigarettes. A tin of 100 is bought for one shilling and retailed at 10 a penny; at least this was what I discovered when I made enquiries. The following firms have stores at Illorin: Messrs Gaiser are also erecting

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not complete.

(79). It appears to me that the merchants would have accomplished more had they not all made Illorin their headquarters. At present they are all grouped together at the square mile waiting for trade to come to them; I would have considered it more advisable had they opened small stores at certain stations between Illorin and Jebba as they then would have tapped the shea nut centres and saved the people coming all the way to Illorin.

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(80). Customs duty on salt amounted to £944. 3. 9 being an increase of £458. 19. 3 over last year. This increase is due to the larger amounts imported by the train. The inhabitants, now that they can go to Illorin, have no need to go to Lagos.

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need to try and smuggle it into the Province. That certain small amounts come in undetected by road is not to be doubted but these amounts can be neglected they are so small. A certain amount of friction took place among the market sellers of this commodity. The headwoman of the women sellers attempted to levy a tax on its sale, also it was reported wished to boycott certain firms. The Emir was directed to deal with the matter as I was convinced the affair was greatly overrated, and that the complaints were chiefly manufactured by a native salesman for best reasons known to himself.

PUBLIC WORKS.



(81). The Post and Telegraph offices at Illorin and completed during the year. The bungalow for the agent at Offa was also completed. No other

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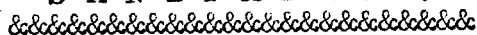
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S A N I T A T I O N .



(82). With the exception of Offa, I regret to say very little has been accomplished in the way of sanitation of native town. A certain amount of cleaning of bush and filling up of holes has been done and that says all. The inhabitants, as I have said in previous reports, have not the most rudimentary idea of sanitation and it will, I fear, be many years before they recognise the importance of cleanliness. The staff at Illorin is so limited and the duties they have to perform are so many that it is impossible to devote the time necessary for carrying out sanitary reforms. I trust ~~in~~ the future may permit of my detailing one Assistant solely to look after this important work.

(83). Mr Chapman is deserving of great credit in which he has accomplished the improvement

of Offa town. This in the past co-

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dreadful. It has become improved out of recognition under Mr Chapman's supervision.

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(84). There are two Missions working at Illorin Province, i.e the Mennonite Brethren in Christ with stations at Shonga and Jebba and the Sudan Internal Mission with stations at Pateji Egbe and Lade. The former appear to e doing good work in a quiet  
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be regarded with suspicion especially among such low class pagans. At the present moment of writing, such a reaction does appear to be imminent; the only objection I can rightly make is the undermining of the power of the chiefs which has been such a prominent factor.

S T A F F.

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(85). Illorin Province cannot boast of the magnitude of its Staff. The average number of Officers in the Province during the year worked out at three. It would be idle for me to point out that were the Province officered more liberally, there would and must be a welcome increase in the revenue more careful carrying out of the administrative work. I do not speak too highly of the loyal manner in which the Staff has helped me in carrying out the necessary work in the Province. It should be remembered that

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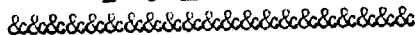
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of Illorin are each roughly three thousand square miles;  
this is a large tract for one Officer to deal with especial-  
ly as no clerks are supplied to them. Possibly in the future  
such clerks may be allowed and so permit them to carry out  
their duties more effectively.

P O L I C E.



(86). The strength of the Police force at Illorin was 18

Of these 18 men were employed and paid by Southern Nigeria

It should be noted that this number is exclusive of those

police posted on station duty between Offa and Jebba

paid by Southern Nigeria.

(87). I cannot speak too highly of the excellence

of the men; crime may be considered not excessive

They have carried out their duties in a

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and have avoided causing friction with the inhabitants. This good result must of course be put to the credit of Captain Fowler, who was in charge of them during the year.

P R I S O N S.  
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Little need be said on this subject other than that the Prison has been sufficiently full to carry out certain sanitation work and to attend to the Prison farm. This farm is very satisfactory and is self supporting.

E C O N O M I C.  
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(89). With the exception of cotton this has been a satisfactory year, most of the crops having done well. I regret to say that the encouragement given to growers to grow cotton did not meet with the desired success.

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For generations, the farmers have been accustomed to grow a certain amount and they do not appear to show any desire to increase the area. Certain District Heads have, however, shown an inclination to forward this industry and have been supplied with seeds. The coming year may however show better results. I regret to say that the experimental farms planted by Sir Hesketh Bell's instructions were comparatively a failure. I fear this was due in great part to the fact that the Political Officers were absolutely unable to give the close supervision that was essential for such an undertaking. The experimental plots at the back of the Residency certainly received close attention, but the land <sup>had</sup> was not recovered from the exhaustion it was suffering from, hence the results as evidenced by stunted stalks and immature

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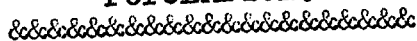
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(90). KOLA NUTS.

----- Mr Assistant Resident Budgen has caused groves of kola nuts to be grown and the result of his experiment will be carefully noted. At present I am unable to form any opinion Shea nuts and butter have been exported in large quantities. I am led to believe this has been an exceptionally good year for these products, but I regret I am unable to quote the amount exported.

POPULATION.



(91). The population of the Province has been calculated to be as follows:-

|                |        |        |        |          |          |      |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|------|
| No. 1 division | 25,843 | males, | 36,147 | females, | children | 33,4 |
| No. 2 do.      | 12,906 | do     | 18,515 | do       | do       |      |
| No. 3 do.      | 15,050 | do     | 16,150 | do       | do       |      |
| Grand Total    | 53,799 |        | 70,812 |          |          |      |

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(92). The rainfall for the year was 51.59 inches. Greatest  
rainfall for the month of September was 14.71 inches.

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