

KABBA PROVINCE

ANNUAL REPORT No. 3 FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER 1913

BY J. A. LEY GROAVES, RESIDENT.

DEPARTMENTAL.

STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

(65) The following changes occurred during the year:-

Mr. J. A. Ley Groaves, Resident, returned from leave 10th February and took over charge of the Province from Mr. Elphinstone.

Mr. K. V. Elphinstone, 2nd. Resident, left KABBA 27th February for ILLORIN on transfer.

Mr. J. C. Walker, Assistant Resident, transferred from Zaria, arrived KABBA 12th April. Left KADEA, proceeding on leave, 27th October.

Mr. H. M. Blackwood, Assistant Resident, proceeded on leave 23rd. April and returned 31st November.

Mr. D. Cator, 3rd Resident, posted KABBA arrived 30th June.

Mr. G. Macgregor, Assistant Resident, returned from leave 27th June.

Mr. H. B. James, Assistant Resident, left KABBA proceeding on leave 3rd August.

CLERICAL STAFF.

Mr. W. P. Daffos, 1st. Class Clerk, proceeded on leave 23rd February and returned 6th June.

Mr. J. B. Affainie, 2nd. Class Clerk, proceeded on leave

leave 27th July and resigned his appointment on the expiration of his leave.

Mr. E. Acquah, 2nd. Class Clerk, posted to KADDA arrived 24th November.

(66) The Native Clerical Staff number 4, salary £247.

(67) Native Staff other than Clerks number 8, salary £256.

POLICE.

(68) Mr. O. E. Daus, Assistant Commissioner of Police, arrived KADDA 1st August.

CLERICAL STAFF.

(69) Inspector J. A. Coleman arrived KADDA 26th January.

(70) The authorised establishment was as follows:

Inspector.	1.
Sergt. Major.	1.
Sergeants.	3.
Corporals.	4.
Lance Corporals.	7.
Constables.	65.
Total	80.

(70) On the last day of the year there were 70 men, recruited from the following tribes:-

*No. non-military should be included in the 76 of the Police. (H.E. de Goo. Gen.)*

Gold Coast.	1.
Yoruba.	51.
Hupa.	1.
Hansa.	10.
Igbirra.	1.
Bari-Bari.	5.
Kukuruku.	6.
Igarra.	1.
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Total	76.
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(71) I greatly regret to say that this number is to be reduced to 71 as from January the 1st. This, owing to the fact of our having no wardens, is scarcely sufficient to provide men for all duties. It must be remembered there are 3 outstations, at each of which a Treasury guard has to be found, as well as escorts etc. EGORI Customs guard are also supplied from here. This means that the men are extraordinarily hard worked.

(72) There has been no serious crime amongst the police during the year.

(73) As usual, for seven months this Detachment has been without a Police Officer. Considering the size of the Detachment, this Province has been very badly treated as regards Police Officers.

(74) The following table shows that, out of 5 years, for only 2 years 4½ months has there been an Officer of Police in the Province:-

Year

Year.	Time when there was Police Officer.
1909.	5 months.
1910.	7 "
1911.	8 "
1912.	3½ "
1913.	5 "
Total	2 years 4½ months.

(75) Mr. Gator writes:- "Police. There are 27 "police in the Division on 31st December, 13 "at IDDO, 10 at OKENI and 4 at ECORI, the "latter on preventive service.

(76) "These numbers are not adequate for the "work expected of them, but they do it cheer- "fully.

(77) "I regret to say that one man died of "pneumonia at OKENI in November".

PRISONERS.

(78) The average number of prisoners throughout the year has been 29.14.

(79) There is now a very good gaol capable of holding 40 prisoners.

(80) The health of the prisoners throughout the year has been very good, and there have been no deaths.

(81) Prisoners have been employed on the usual routine work i.e. prison farms, clearing station

and keeping up the roads etc.

(82) There have been no escapes during the year.

(83) I quote the following from Mr. Oator's report:- "Prisons. There is no proper prison in the Division merely small guard rooms at IBDO and OKENI.

(84) "They are not often however in use, as most prisoners -and there are not many- are drafted on to KANBA.

(85) "On 31st. December there was one man at IBDO having been sentenced 2 days previously.

(86) "There have been very few Native Court prisoners and there were none on 31st. December".

(87) The following table shows the number of prisoners in native jails on the 31st of December:-

KANBA.....	4.
AGBAJA (Aware Judicial Council)	5.
	Total. 9.

MEDICAL.

(88) The following Officers have been stationed in the Province during the year:-

Mr. J. W. Vincent, Hale Nurse, 14th April to 4th October.

Mr. L. Doudney, R. O., 10th November to 29th December.

Mr. J. E. Crawley, Sergeant, 25th December to 31st December.

Dr.

- (89) Dr. Doy, Junior Sanitary Officer, visited KANBA early in February.
- (90) A good deal of vaccination work was done by Messrs. Elphinstone and Loy Greaves; the total number of successes was 330.
- (91) The health of Europeans and Clerical Staff has been good.
- (92) Considerable advance has been made in pursuance of the Junior Sanitary Officer's advice with regard to the sanitary improvements of KANBA town. The headman and the people fully recognize the advantages, both from a sanitary point of view, and also as a preventive measure against disastrous fires, of the new carefully laid out sites. Mr. Blackwood has marked out 18 such sites to the south of the town, and these have all been allotted by the BALOGUN. More will shortly be measured for other applicants when ground is available.
- (93) Selgas have been dug at various points round the town, and are now used by the natives. Personally, I do not consider them an improvement, as they undoubtedly breed flies, and, since the introduction of them here, the flies have become almost unbearable.

*If the origin of the selgas is kept about here there is no flies. (11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.)*

PUBLIC WORKS.

- (94) The following work was done by the Public Works Department in the early part of the year:-

- (i) Gaol completed.
- (ii) Guard room built.
- (iii) Incinerator built.

(95) A few trifling repairs to the bungalows were also done.

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(99) "The buildings consist of one long house comprising Residency and Office, Police Barracks, and guard room, Clerk's, Interpreter's and Messenger's quarters, a Rest House and the usual offices".

POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

(100) There is a weekly mail service between KANBA and LOKOJA.

(101) There are telegraph lines from LOKOJA to ECGA, and LOKOJA to EGORI, but there are no operators at either place.

(102) A line from LOKOJA to KANBA would be a

could do great good amongst the local natives; it is amongst the pagans where I have seen such excellent work done by Medical Officers in getting the people ready and eager to see Officers of the administration, this apart from the results accruing from their own work.

(71) Dr. Foy, the Junior Sanitary Officer, visited the KUKURUKU District to investigate an outbreak of pneumonia; otherwise there have been no bad outbreaks of any disease during the year.

WEST AFRICAN PIONEER FORCE.

(72) No soldiers are quartered in the Province; the nearest garrison is at LOKOJA.



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most useful institution.

TRANSPORT.

(103) The only method of transport in the Province is by carriers, as animals will not live owing to prevalence of tsetse fly which is found throughout the Province.

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BY J. A. LEX GREAVES, RESIDENT.

ECONOMIC.

(104) I am glad to be able to report that this has been a most successful year so far as trade in produce goes.

*Comment Mr. Blackwood for this excellent map please send a map copy for the whole of Nigeria. (H.E. the Gen. Secy.)*

(105) I attach a Produce Map made by Mr. Blackwood. This shows approximately the distribution of products throughout the Province.

(106) PALM KERNELS.

I understand from conversations with the heads of the various firms in the Province that more kernels have been bought this year than for the last 5 or 6 years.

(107) I account for this in two ways:-

(i) The high price ruling, as much as 7/6 cash being paid for a bushel.

(ii) The work of Provincial Officers in pointing out to the natives the good results to be obtained from the collection of sylvan products.

(108) PEANUTS.

Roughly speaking, I should estimate that the area under cultivation this year was 3 or 4 times larger than last year. The results have been most pleasing, and, in one instance, 120 tons have been shipped as against 45 last year.

RUBBER.

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Little is collected in the Province, and, owing to the home prices, firms do not care to buy, unless it is flake or balata. Both the Niger Coy. and John Holt & Coy. have closed their buying stations at OMOOKI.

(110) WOOD OIL.

A fair amount has been bought during the year.

(111) SHEA NUTS.

I am told the amount offered for sale is not as much as usual, and the nuts are not very good quality.

*Crop has been bad all over the Province this year. (H. H. de L. G.)*

(112) At the time of writing I have not received the annual returns promised me by the trading firms. I hope to get them shortly, when they will be forwarded.

(113) COTTON.

Mr. Gator writes:-- "The B. G. G. A. has bought 30 tons of cotton at OMOOKI this year being a large increase on the 6 tons of last year, and in view of this increase is keeping the clerk there, for it had been under consideration to abandon the store.

(114) "There is also a considerable increase in the cultivation of benne seed.

(115) "The rains finished somewhat suddenly and early before the end of October, and there seems to be some anxiety as to future crop."

"But it is too soon to say how they will be  
"affected.

(116) "There is a considerable amount of trade  
"in the country. It is most noticeable how  
"the traders take advantage of improved roads.

(117) "Unfortunately there are many bad hills  
"to be contended with but some improvement has  
"been effected both there and in easier places,  
"but so much personal supervision is required  
"and it is so hard to get the people to  
"work more than spasmodically that any improve-  
"ment is very slow.

(118) "I have not heard of any difficulty being  
"raised as to the new local silver pieces  
"which pass freely but still in only very  
"small quantities. There is however a rooted  
"objection to Queen's coinage, but on the  
"whole little of that is in evidence now".

(119) I have been informed that cotton from  
KABBA fetched as much as 8d. a pound on the  
home market, and that the lowest price realized  
was 6½d.

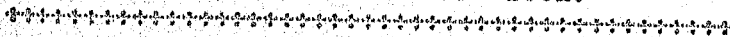
(120) If my informant was correct, I see no  
reason for the B. C. G. A. to grumble; if they  
were a little more business like in their  
methods they might meet with more success. For  
instance, at one time during the year, they  
left their clerk for some weeks without money,  
which meant that people coming from long  
distances, with loads of cotton were turned

away.

(121) Taking the value of the lint only at 7d. a pound as an average price at home, it means they have realized on cotton from KAIBA over £500. and they still have all the seed in hand.

(122) On a load of cotton (weight 60 lbs, price 8/-), the transport from OKENI to LOKOJA is 3/- = 8/-. The value of the lint is at least 11/- and the seed still in hand.

CERTIFICATE RE CODE BOOK.



I HEREBY CERTIFY that all slips and alterations for the Government Telegraph Code Book received by me while the Book has been in my charge have been pasted into the copy in my possession.

*Aly Ibrahim*

Resident Katta Province.

K A B B A,

31st. December, 1913.