

KABBA PROVINCE.

P. W. D. REPORT FOR CALLENDER YEAR 1950.

(1) P.W.D. STAFF (SENIOR SERVICE).

PROVINCIAL ENGINEER W.S.ADAMS EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GDE IV,
4/11/49 (Arrived Station).
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER E.D.WALCOT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GDE IV,
1:1:50 - 10:11:50
INSPECTOR OF WORKS C.H.THOMPSON 19/4/49-23/8/50
INSPECTOR OF WORKS R.D.JONES 11/9/50 (Arrived Station).
INSPECTOR OF WORKS J.L.ADAMS 13/3/49 -16/9/50-At Kampe

(2) ROADS AND BRIDGES

- (a) ROUTE No.257 SHINTAKU-ANKPA-BENUE BOUNDARY.
Owing to an abnormally low level of the Niger during the flood period, this road remained open throughout the year.
- (b) ROUTE No. 157 KABBA AIERE
No progress on the bridge at mile 10½.

(3) EXTRAORDINARY WORKS.

- (a) MARINE STAFF QUARTERS, LOKOJA. Programme of 63 quarters virtually complete with the exception of the following items:-
- (i) Sports Ground & Social Hall. The site for these two items is at present occupied by the police barracks. No progress can be made until the new barracks is built and the present site vacated.
- (ii) Water supply. Only the minimum service has been installed as the present supply from Patti does not produce enough water to provide the full scheme.
- (b) POST OFFICE & QUARTERS, KABBA. Completed and in use.
- (c) POST OFFICE & QUARTERS, OKENE. Completed but for a few minor items of furniture. Now in use.
- (d) NEW G.R.A. LOKOJA.
New Residency Completed.
One A3 quarter " "
One A3 " " 90% complete.
- (e) NEW WORKSHOPS -LOKOJA.
90% complete.

(4) DEVELOPMENT WORKS.

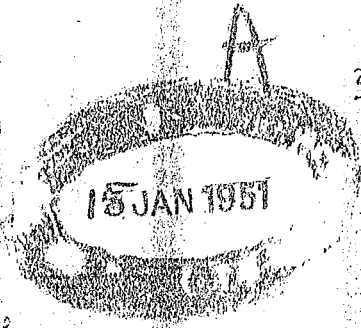
- (a) R.F.N.6. EGBT-IBANLU MAKATU ROAD.
Completed. The Kampe River Bridge of 220' span was opened to traffic in October.
- (b) R.F.N.34. ETOBE-EJULE-AKPANYA ROAD.
The Eto-be-Ejule section is 80% complete.
- (c) M. 27 NEW HOSPITAL, LOKOJA.

(d) WOMENS E.T.C. KABBA.
All plans and estimates complete.

(5) LOKOJA WATER SUPPLY.
SURVEYS, Plans and preliminary estimate completed and forwarded to the Director of Public Works.

W. Adams
Provincial Engineer, PWD.,
Kabba Province.

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Ref: No. 66/1/1/101.
General Hospital,
Lokoja, Nigeria.
15th January, 1951.

The Resident;
Kabba Province,
Lokoja.

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Part A.

With reference to your letter No. 325/1 of 50,
January, 1951, I forward herewith the above mentioned report
as requested, please.

P. L. Williams
Medical Officer.

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Annual Report : Lokoja Medical Area.

General Hospital:

This institution continues to be popular and I believe we shall be recording increase in the number of attendances at the end of March. There has been no increase of staff so that all the additional work has been carried out by the same members of the staff who deserve a word of praise for the unflinching way they have been carrying out their duties.

Much has not been done in the way of maintenance of the hospital building because work has been started, and has progressed very rapidly, on the new hospital buildings. It is hoped that the buildings will be ready for occupation by the end of 1951 or early in 1952.

Infection by *Schistosoma haematobium* is prevalent among the school-boys in this division. A few of them have come to Lokoja for a course of treatment during holidays. I am arranging to get a drug for mass treatment of the cases in the near future.

The Ante-Natal Clinic conducted every Wednesday morning has also gained in popularity and attendances of sixty and over have been recorded on a single day.

Public Health:

There have been sporadic cases of Smallpox but no Major Epidemic since March, 1950. Intensive Mass Vaccination Campaigns have been carried out and the majority of the population are now successfully vaccinated.

A new Septic Tank Latrine has been erected near the Market. It has relieved the pressure on the old ones. All the latrines are functioning well including the one at Babba. These latrines are very popular, the rush hour being 5 - 6 A.M.

N.A. Dispensaries:

The opening of Ochi dispensary in July brings the total number in the division to 10. It was closed for most of the year because of lack of a trained N.A. Dispensary Attendant. However one has just completed his course and the dispensary was re-opened in December. Very satisfactory work is being done in these dispensaries but the work is greatly handicapped by shortage of drugs and dressings due to inadequacy of allocated funds.

Leprosy:

The Oyi River Settlement maintains its excellent standard of work. Dr. Morris, the medical officer in charge, has been on leave since May, 1950, but is expected back shortly. The new Sulphone drugs have recently been in use and already there are promises of very good results from their use.

It is hoped that the Village Segregation Unit in Igbirra Division will soon come into being.

Housing of Government Officials:

A new Residency has been built and occupied. One new Senior Service house has been completed and is occupied by the Assistant District Officer, Koton Karifi. Another new Senior Service Quarters should be completed very soon.

More new quarters for the Junior Service Staff of the Marine Department have been completed and most of them are occupied. The snag about these quarters is the communal Septic latrine - to my mind a retrogressive and most certainly a very inconvenient arrangement.

Government quarters for most other officials Senior and Junior Service, continue to be deplorable. The Junior Service Medical Staff being the worst sufferers.

Health of Officials:

Health of Expatriate Officials have been exceptionally good and that goes for their wives and children. The same applies to Missionaries and Merchants. The Non Native foreigners have suffered from recurrent attacks of Malaria but on the whole kept fairly good health.

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Lin. Hill
Medical Officer.



Resident,
Kabba Province,
Ikoja.

No. 432/39A.
Forest Office,
Kabba Province,
Ikoja, 13/1/51.

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PART I.

With reference to your No. 3254/1 of 5/1/51 received by me on tour on the 11th instant, I have the honour to inform you that this Department's Annual Report is based on the financial, and not the calendar, year.

2. I attach however some brief notes written without references, while on tour.

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PROVINCIAL FOREST OFFICER.

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FOREST DEPARTMENT.

Work during the year, other than routine reserve maintenance, has been seriously hampered by the intermittent postings of P.F.Os. The Province was without an officer until 23rd March when Mr. Nash A.C.F., took over in absentia. He was to have handed over to Mr. Betts, S.A.C.F., in August but the latter was delayed in England through illness and Mr. Nash was transferred as arranged, leaving the Province again unprovided for. Mr. Betts took over at the end of October, again in absentia, and since he has applied for a full eighteen month tour in the Province, there is a likelihood of continuity for the first time in many years.

2. During his period of office, Mr. Nash commenced a vigorous attack on the consolidation programme, initiating work on the Olle and the Agbaja Plateau Reserves in the Kabba Division, the Southern Adoru Reserve in the Igala Division, and the Kakanda Hills Reserve in the Koton-Karifi Division. Owing to his brief tenure of office, work on none of these was brought to a conclusion, but Mr. Betts resumed survey of the Olle Reserve in November - December.

3. Investigations, including enumeration of a sample plot in the Olle Reserve, were carried out by both officers into the extent and quality of the forest available in the Olle region for the Kabba Sawmill Project and reports have been forwarded. A decision on this important and highly desirable proposal is expected shortly from the Development Loans Board.

4. The experimental trenching of night soil in the Cassia plantations at Okene were continued throughout the year except for the first quarter when the ground was too hard for trenching; and in November an interim assessment of results was made. These results are startling, fifteen feet of vigorous growth being recorded for 2 years old Cassia which had been treated, as opposed to 2 feet or less for similar untreated areas. The areas concerned were photographed for record. These results

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of untreated night-soil has been in the order of 150 tons to the acre which obviously is not a practical proposition on any large scale. Moreover we do not yet know how long the effect will last since the dressings cannot be repeated. But the writer believes that even on these impoverished soils, if Cassia is given a kick-start of this nature, the advantages of eliminating the fire danger by suppressing the grass, and of reducing damage from goats by removing the leaves and young-shoots from their reach, will enable the species to establish itself and continue good growth. Inquiries have been instituted into the possibility of composting Okene town night soil with slaughter slab offal, market sweepings, etc with a view to extending the experiments in the plantation in a cheaper, more extensive, and more practical form.

T.W.O.S.O.
✓ PROVINCIAL FOREST OFFICER.
(Drafted by Mr. T.F. Betts, S.A.C.F.)

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Craft.

Two diesel launches, two vehicle-carrying barges and ten steel poling house-canoes have been operated in the division and maintained in serviceable order. The launches have under-gone a complete machinery refit, involving extensive replacement and the usual annual examination and repair of hulls in October and November. The launches have steamed a total of 1600 hours without breakdown.

Onitsha Ferries.

These ferries, "Kena" and "Shanahan" administered from Port-Harcourt, have been slipped and refitted at Lokoja in September and January respectively. One hull of the composite ferry "Cygnet" was also replated during September-October.

Buoyage.

The Rocky Section buoyage has been maintained and all buoys were overhauled during low river season. 16 new third class buoys were under construct during the year most of which are practically completed.

Construction.

Building of two 55-foot steel House-canoes for the department was commenced in November, and is proceeding satisfactorily.

Development of Dockyard.

The installation of a new dockyard boiler, fitting-out of a new Platers and Blacksmith shop, improvements to slipway, installation of new machines and electric generator in the machine shop is also in hand.

Meteorological Obdervation.

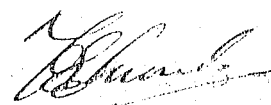
Four observers are attached to Dockyard making day and night observations which are telegraphed to Ikeja.

Storage.

The groundnuts remaining from last year lift were all cleared from Dockyard this year. United Africa Company have hired Dockyard storage space for approx two months.

Outside Work.

An average amount of "other department" and "public" work has been carried out in the workshops.



Divisional Marine Officer.

Lokoja, 19 January, 1951.

The Secretary,
Northern Provinces,
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Annual Report, Kabba Province.

I forward herewith Part I of the Kabba Annual Report for 1950 compiled by Mr. I.G. Gunn, Senior District Officer who was in charge of the Province until the 27th of December, 1950.

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Resident,
Kabba Province.

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