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Lokoja, Nigeria, 24 November, 1949.

The Resident. Kabba Province, Lokoja.

Kabba Province: Annual Report, 1949.

With reference to your memo No.3063/1 of 29th October, 1949, I attach herewith notes in respect of the above-mentioned report, please.

Divisional Marine Officer.

1949 Annual Report: Kabba Province.

aintenance of Craft:-

The two Diesel Engined Launches "Heron" and "Hornbill" with two Motor car barges and eleven poling barges which are based on this Division were maintained in serviceable

Storage of Grain:-

Grain is being stored at the request of the

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

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 was 3 feet 4 inches on 16th May and the highest on the 6th October when it was 32 feet 6 inches.

Buoyage or Rocky Section of the Niger:-

The Rocky Section extends sixteen miles down river from Lokoja, the navigable channel was adequately buoyed by this department throughout

Development:-

Dockyard revetment was completed in June 1949.

Evacuation of Groundnuts:-This Department has been evacuating groundnuts from Baro to Warri/Burutu by S/C Pathfinder, S/W Valiant, M/B Virago and three lighters,

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Divisional Marine Officer.

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The Resident, Kabba Province Lokāja.

Okene, 24th November, 1949.

Annual Report, 1949.

With reference to your memorandum No. 3063/1 of 29th October, 1949, I send herewith notes on Educational Activities in Kabba Province, 1949 as requested.

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Provincial Education Officer, Rebox Province.

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For the first time in the history of this province education has received this year a measure of financial assistance previously found only in the Southern Provinces. There has been a wide spread scramble for grants and some illfeeling that they have not been more lavishly dispensed. One manager expected his school to be grant aided when the pupils sat on branches of trees laid on the floor.

- 2. No attempt has been made to have every letter of the law fulfilled this year. Schools have been asked to provide adequate staff, the minimum of text books, to make a start with the regulation type of desks and to introduce regular games of football or hockey for all their pupils.
- 3. It has been found necessary to be absolutely rigid within the limitations set as any latitude allowed has resulted in complete disregard of the regulations.
- 4. Some idea of the change from the old to the new may be gained then it is realised that a teacher may now be dismissed for failing to mark his registers correctly, a penalty which could not have been injected previously in the Northern Provinces for any known trime.
- 5. For many years this province has been the recipient of teachers who were no longer acceptable in the Southern Provinces. This process has been reversed this year and a number of men whose qualifications were in adequate have had to be returned to the Southern Provinces by their managers.
- 6. The best of the teachers and all the key men still come from the Southern Provinces.
- 7. Four Divisional Education Committees have been approved. There have had a total of eight meetings. They have had the double advantage of giving the Education Officer an opportunity of explaining Government Policy to the managers of schools and the public and of keeping the department informed of the wishes of the missions and the people.
- 8. There is an improvement in the qualifications of the staff and a number of missions are able to supply certificated teachers for their Junior Primary schools from their own Elementary Training Centres. The Native Administrations and some missions draw upon the Okene N.A. Elementary Training Centre. This Training Centre supplies the province with twenty five trained men each year at a cost of £27 per student per year. Although conditions, especially as regards pocket money, are far below those for government institutions over 300 candidates apply each year for admission.
- 9. Nine new N.A. schools have been opened this year. These follow the Northern System of Classes I to IV, while the missions follow the Southern System. It is thought that if Government gave a strong lead most it not all the missions would change to the Northern System. To have one system would not only facilitate future planning at the Junior Primary stage but it would permit the development of a more suitable type of Senior Primary School.

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10. The development of N.A. Senior Primary education including the Middle School and Elementary Training Centre has hever been on a firm basis because of the acute shortage of Higher Elementary Certificated Teachers. In this respect we lead a hand to mouth existance, and are entirely dependent upon inducing Southern Province men to come here. The departure of three teachers from the Middle School and situation acute at one time. Temporary Staff were found and year opens in February.

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Provincial Education Officer, Kabba Province.

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Resident, Kabba Province, Lokoja.



Forest Office; Kabba Province, Lokoja; 25/1/49.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1949: FOREST DEPARTMENT Your No.837/1 of 25/11/49.

The following Forest Reserves were surveyed for reconstitution: Igbirra N.A.Reserve No.3 (Otete Forests), Igbirra N.A.Reserve No.1 (Osara Forests), Swamp Reserve, Koton Karifi Division, Southern-Adoru Reserve, Igala Division and Kabba Government Reserve, Pattifor preparation for a Working Plan.

2. Four proposed reserves, Kurmin Ado and Onale in Igala Division and Ogbe and Kirri in Kabba Division are surveyed during the year. The old Idah Plantations are made into Communal Forest Areas Nos. 1 and 2. There are also 5 more Communal Forest Areas Nos. 3 to 7 awaiting the Resident's approval in Igala Division. Total Communal Forest Areas in the Division amounted to about 460.6 acres. Before the end of the year Bunu N.A.Reserve No.2 (Olle Forests) and Aworo for reconstitution. General inspection of reserves and clearing of reserve boundaries are carried out.

3. It is proposed to run a sawmill in Bunu N.A. Forest Reserve in End consolidation of the reserve.

4. The N.A. staff in the Province are now receiving full supervision: an Assistant Ranger supervises Igbirra, Kabba and Koton Karifi Divisions and one Forester is in charge of Igala

5. Mr. D. S.Ellis, Provincial Forest Officer, was transferred on for two months - October and November.

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PROVINCIAL FOREST OFFICER.

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Ref:No.66/ML/74. General Hospital, Lokoja, Nigeria. 2nd December, 1949.

The Resident, Kabba Province, L o k o j a.

Annual Report - Lokoja Medical Area.

Reference your memorandum No.3063/17 of 29th October, 1949, I forward herewith the required report. No statistics are available at this stage.

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Annual Report

Lokoja Medical Area.

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General Hospital:

The work of the hospital has comtinued satisfactorily and the numbers of patients treated indicates the increasing popularity of this institution.

Apart from the holding of a site board, nothing has been done regarding the building of the new hospital, and there appears to be little hope of the work being put in hand in the immediate future. Owing to lack of accommodation in the present buildings, many cases requiring admission have had to be treated as out-patients.

Public Health:

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Small-pox has been prevalent throughout the year in isolated foci of infection. Vaccination against this diseases has been interpolated and the majoriy of the population now show signs of successful vaccination.

Public Septic Tank Latrines have been provided in Lokoja and Kabba. These have been a great success and are an important step towards the eradication of hook worm and other diseases associated with the unhygienic disposal of excreta.

N.A.Dispensaries:

There are now nine of these dispensaries in the area. The p work has been handicapped in some instances by shortage of drugs and dressings due premarily to the inadequate funds allocated.

Leprosy:

The Oyi River Leper Settlement has continued its excellent work. It is the only institution for the isolation and treatment of lepers in the area.

It was intended to provide a Village Segregation unit in Igbirra Division this year, but very little progress has been made.

Housing of Government Officiala: A new Residency has been built and a new house for the District Officer, Kabba.

New quarters for the Junior Service Staff of the Marine Department have been provided. Government Quarters for most other officials, Senior and Junior, continue to be deplorable.

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The Resident, Kabba Province, Lokoja.



The Nigeria Police Lokoja, 2nd December, 1949.

Ref: 1949 Annual Report: Kabba Province

During the year there have been two Officers in charge of the detachment - Mr. J.G. Heard until 19.4.49 and then Major A.A. Dear who

2. Strength: The establishment of the detachment remains unchanged

Rank and File Sat, Clerical Section Superior Police Officer

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Of these 1 N.C.O. and 6 men are stationed at Idan. The question has been raised as to the desirability of continuing to maintain the Nigeria Police detachment at Idan but no firm decision has yet been made by the Administration. The District Officer and Resident appear to favour the suggestion that the detachment should be withdrawn. Sgt. Major Momo on 1.11.49 after 2) years and eight months exemplary service.

- 3. Crime: The undermentioned comprise the more important cases dealt with in the period under review:-
 - (1) Fraudulent False Accounting by N.A. Treasurer Koton Karifi to the value of £400 Sentenced to 5 years 5 months by Justice Pollard on 9.8.49.
 - (2) Fraudulent False Accounting by Chief Clerk and Road Overseer,
 - (3) Attempted Murder of Adishetu by Umaru Anika Koton Karifi and
 - (4) Peter Igbokwe and Alfred Oba: Being in possession of £140 forged currency notes and uttering forged currency notes
- 4. There has been a General increase in the number of criminal cases dealt with and a marked increase in Motor traffic offences reported.
- 5. A total of 94 criminal cases have been reported since 1st January, 1949 of which 24 have been refused as being trivial or frivolous, 10
- 6. Of the 60 true cases reported 36 have to date been prosecuted and convictions have been obtained in all but 7 cases. 6 are awaiting trial
- 7. A total of 78 Motor Traffic cases have been reported of which 11 have been refused and in 10 cases warning notices issued.

True Cases 1948 1949 Criminal 43 60

Motor Traffic 22 57

- 8. The increase in the number of cases dealt with has been largely due to the increased vigilance of the 'I' Branch personnel.
- 9. Motor Licensing: With the introduction of the new Ordinance there has been considerably more work done inspecting vehicles and testing drivers. There has been marked increase in motor licensing fees collected in the period under review.

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10. <u>Courses:</u> 3 Nigeria Policemen are attending a wireless course in Lagos and 8 nave attended 'I' Branch courses at Kaduna and Jos. 11. N.A. Police Kabba: The 4.N.A. Police Forces in Kabba have all sont representatives to attend courses run by the Nigeria Police at Lokoja and continue to manage their own Police duties with the advice of the Nigeria Police Superior Police Officer. Asst. Supt. of Police, Kabba Province. AU/Omojola. fee. him ate alp. 9 Pour Stort MA BAVINGRAM. The Provincial Engineer, Lokoja.

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From : Swpt. of Prisons, Lokoja.
To : Resident Kabba Province, Lokoja.

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Date

8th December, 1949

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With reference to your letter No. 3063/1 of October, 1949, I n Lely attach herewith the Report as requested please.



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A short Report on the Administration

A short Annual Report on the Administration Lokoja Prison, 1949

Administration. The administration of this Prison during the year under review was excellent, and an allocation of fund for visits to prisoners has been received towards the close of the year.

> The satisfactory progress recorded last year on Prison industry and high standard of discipline has been maintained. Despite the great majority of recidivists transferred from other Prison.

The health of the prisoners has been very good. The diet calls for no comment, and we have fully satisfied the Medical Authorities.

> The asylum was well kept, and arrangements are in progress for the removal of lunatics from the Lokoja

A good standard of discipline was maintained throughout the year.

Asst. Superintendent of Prisons.

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Asylum.

Discipline.

The Resident, Kabba Province, Lokoja.

No. 41 /1754.
Public Works Department,
Lokoja, Nigeria.
7th. December, 1949.

Lokoja.

1949 ANNUAL REPORT: KABBA PROVINCE.

With reference to your No.3063/1 of 29th October 1949, the required notes are forwarded herewith.

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

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