

KABBA DIVISION - ANNUAL REPORT, 1951.
PART II - DIVISIONAL AFFAIRS.

Area and boundaries: 12. These remain unchanged.

Population: 13. The following are the population figures for this and the preceding three years :-

	1948	1949	1950	1951	Increase
Kabba	54041	54915	55499	55887	388
Yagba	39180	42570	41411	41965	554
	93221	97485	96910	97852	942

The source of the above figures is the Annual Tax Assessment Count.

14. The population figures for the largest towns are :-

Kabba	6565
Egbe	6318

There are no towns with a population of 10,000.

Divisional Staff: 15. Mr. P. M. LAWS, District Officer, was in-charge of the Division throughout the year. Mr. S. W. MORGAN, Assistant District Officer, Served from the beginning of the year until the 9th November when he proceeded on leave.

Clerical Staff: 16. Mr. M. O. Adebosin, 3rd Class Clerk, was in-charge of the Divisional Office from the beginning of the year until 26th February; Mr. W.R. Wyse, 1st Class Clerk, then took over and remained in-charge until the end of the year. Mr. Adebosin was transferred to the Provincial Office, Lokoja, on 27th February, 1951. Mr. M.C.N. Nwogalanya, 3rd Class Clerk, served throughout the year.

Non-Clerical Staff: 17. The following served in the Division throughout the year :-

Mr. E. O. Ojo, Land Ranger	
Braima Kabba Government Messenger	
Mallam Mundi	" "
Baba Bauchi	" "

Visitors: 18. Visits were paid to the Division as under :-

Resident	5
Medical Officer	Monthly
Administrative Officers	Numerous
Provincial Engineer	Numerous
Provincial Education Officer	Numerous
Regional Deputy Director of Education	1
Regional Chief Woman Education Officer	1
Provincial Woman Education Officer	Numerous
Domestic Science Organiser	1
Regional Public Relations Officer	1
Conservator of Forests	1
Provincial Forest Officer	4
Auditor	1
Senior Inspector of Mines	1

Visitors:(Cont.)

18.	Senior Agricultural Officer, Ilorin	1
	Agricultural Officer, Kabba	2
	Assistant Registrar Co-operative Societies	5
	Surveyor Posts and Telegraphs	2
	Representatives of Commercial Firms	Numerous
	Magistrate Benin	3

Events of Importance: 19. Construction work on the Women's Elementary Training Centre at Kabba started in March and has proceeded at a fair pace in spite of shortages of skilled artizans and of difficulties in obtaining materials. It is hoped that the buildings will be completed by the end of the Financial Year.

20. Primary Elections to the Regional House of Assembly were staggered over the period 1st to 7th September. Public interest was widespread and the average poll throughout the Division was in the region of 63%. Over 70% of the successful candidates in the primaries were farmers. The six Electoral Area Colleges (one for each Native Authority) met on the 30th October. The Divisional contingent to the Electoral College for Kabba Province was completed when the Native Authorities nominated the Olu of Okeri as their representative. Unfortunately the Divisional members of the Provincial College divided their votes between four candidates and as a result the Division failed to secure a seat in the House of Assembly.

21. Empire Day was celebrated by a parade of school children who were addressed by the District Officer. This was followed by an enjoyable programme of inter-school sports.

PART III
NATIVE ADMINISTRATION AND
DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES.

Aworo District:

22. All sections of the community have now expressed their desire to transfer to the proposed Kwara Division. From the economic and communications' points of view such transfer would be the logical solution to the isolation of this District the Headquarters of which is approximately 73 miles by road from the Treasury by which it is served.

23. The former C.M.S.School at Agbaja has now become a Native Administration Community School with the blessing of the Mission and Education Authorities. On the surface at least relations between the Christian Community and the Native Authority are now harmonious.

24. Two praiseworthy developments in the sphere of communications were carried out in the District during the year - a communally built Postal Agency and mass communal work on the Lokoja-Jamata Road.

Bunu District:

25. The stimulating effect of the elections was probably more noticeable in this than in any other District. The political awakening has been most marked in those communities which are settled in the South of the District on the main Kabba - Lokoja Road. It was in fact an Odo - Ape man who represented the District in the Provincial Electoral College. The members of the District Electoral College have kept in touch and meet from time to time to discuss District affairs.

26. Some community work has been carried out on the road up the steep hill approximately two miles South of Akutukpa. If this hill can be improved sufficiently to take heavily laden lorries the Kupa community is willing to share in the work of carrying the road on to Abuji. The communities concerned have collected the sum of \$100 towards the cost of

construction of the proposed Kabba - Olle - Luke road.

Ijumu District:

27. In March the Ijumu Central Council found a temporary solution to the urgent problem of the appointment of a President. Realising that the chances of general agreement on the selection of a life President were negligible, the Council decided that the three Group Heads should hold the office of President in rotation for one year each. The Eleta of Iyara, Head of Adde Group, was accordingly appointed President. Unfortunately he died in August and it was not until November that a successor was appointed in the person of the Obaro of Idofin-Aye.

28. Meanwhile the Group Headships of Ogidi and Igbedde remain vacant. All concerned have agreed that the Village of Egga should appoint the next Ogidi Group Head, but at the close of the year the Egga Village Council was still divided into two opposing factions of approximately equal strength. If the Egga Village Council is unable to reach agreement it will be necessary to pass over their right to make the appointment.

29. The deadlock over the appointment of the Igbedde Group Head continues. The Ona Zaire, whose turn it is to appoint the Group Head, is divided into two factions - one centred on the village of Aiyegunle and the other on the Village of Odda. The Odda faction is in a minority within the zaure but claims to have the support of majorities in the two remaining zaures - Ohi and Otun. The only solution is that the Aiyegunle camp may agree to the appointment of the Odda candidate in return for an undertaking that the appointment will be made by Aiyegunle when it is next Ona zaure's turn to appoint the Group Head. The death towards the end of the year of the Village Head of Aiyegunle may facilitate such a compromise.

30. In January a count of the taxpayers of Ekinrin was taken in order to determine their wishes in the matter of the Village Headship of Ekinrin - vacant since 1948. The popular choice was ratified by the Central Council in March but the defeated candidate, Allah of Otunadde, made an unsuccessful appeal to the Resident in June. Since then relations between the two factions have remained cool.

31. In striking contrast to the seemingly never-ending Ijumu Chieftaincy disputes the District Electoral College was able to elect its two delegates to the Provincial Electoral College without a single dissenting voice. Ijumu is going through a time of troubles due in part to inter-village rivalry and in part to the deep seated reluctance to acknowledge a central authority which is such a prominent feature of the Ijumu political make-up. But the electoral system has given them a lead which they may be able to follow to advantage in 1952.

Kabba District:

32. The Kabba Native Administration Tax Clerk was arrested in November and charged with fraudulent false accounting. He is alleged to have issued flat rate tax receipts to income tax payers and to have added the amount of income tax payable to the original but not to the duplicate copies of the receipts. The case has not yet been heard.

33. The Obaro of Kabba was gazetted a member of the House of Chiefs in December to the great satisfaction of his people.

East Yagba District

34. Matters in Ejuku reached a crisis in May when Lemamu assaulted the Oba of Ejuku. Lemamu was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment by the East Yagba Native Court. The sentence was subsequently commuted to a fine of \$25. Surface harmony has been restored in the Village and Lemamu now acknowledges the Oba's authority by attending council meetings.

35. The East Yagba Chiefs now work in closer harmony than before except that the Aloko of Mopa still fails to attend council meetings excusing himself on the grounds of age and infirmity.

36. The atmosphere of election year stimulated demands by the Progressive Unions for elections to be held to the non-traditional seats on both the East and West Yagba Councils. The Councils are doing useful work and both Native Authorities felt that the premature introduction of an elective system would place in jeopardy the gains already made. Nevertheless the possibility of an elective system is being kept in mind and it may prove possible to meet the Unions' requests within the framework of the report of the Joint Select Committee on the Development of Local Administration.

37. Earlier fears that the Isanlu New Settlement would be unsuccessful were belied by a spurt of building activity at the beginning of the dry season. At the end of the year the number of buildings completed and under construction stood at approximately 180.

38. In January the Isanlu Makutu Group Market was moved to a site adjacent to the New Settlement. The move was bitterly opposed by the people of the Omowa and Okose Quarters of Isanlu town who continued to hold a market in Omowa Quarter on the day appointed for the Group Market. A period then ensued during which both markets - approximately three miles apart - were held on the same day and supporters of each market attempted to interfere with the free passage of traffic to the opposing market.

39. Faced with this situation the Native Authority in July passed Market Rules which, inter-alia, assigned the Group Market day to the market sited at the New Settlement and allotted a different day to the Omowa Quarter market. The people of Omowa continued to hold a market on the day appointed for the Group Market until six prosecutions were made in August. Since then only the small daily market has been held in Omowa although the people are fully aware of their right to hold a full market on the day allotted to them by the Native Authority.

40. A petition addressed by the people of Omowa Quarter to the Chief Commissioner with the object of having the market dates changed was unsuccessful. The matter has now become the subject of litigation in the Supreme Court.

West Yagba District.

41. The West Yagba Council continues to work well under the able leadership of the Olu of Okeri. [But see paragraph 36 for demands by the Progressive Unions for elected representation].

42. The Egbe chieftaincy dispute was finally concluded in May when a writ of Fi Fa was served on the Plaintiffs and costs of sixty guineas were recovered. Since then the Authority of the Oba of Egbe has been undisputed in the town.

General Tax.

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43. General Tax was raised by 6d in Kabba, Bunu and Ijumu District, to 13/6d, and by 3d in East and West Yagba Districts to 13/3. In Aworo District, where women pay tax, the rate for men was raised by 6d to 10/- while that for women remained unchanged at 3/6d. The Districts of Kabba and Bunu raised the rate of tax by a further 6d to a total of 14/- in order to provide for District Council Funds.

44. A comparison of the 1950 and 1951 figures is given below :-

N. A.	Actual Collection 1950-51	Assessment 1951-52
Kabba	6529	6896
Yagba	5705	5877
Total	12,234	12,773

Native Treasuries.

45. Mr. A.B. Jacobs, Assistant Treasurer, Yagba Native Treasury, returned from the Zaria Clerical Training College in March. Mr. S. D. Arogbonlo, Yagba Native Treasurer, proceeded to the College in April. Reports on his first half year's work were extremely good.

46. The work of Kabba Native Treasury has continued to be satisfactory. That of Yagba Native Treasury leaves much to be desired. The Acting Treasurer because of his lack of experience has required an excessive degree of assistance

47. Monthly checks have been carried out by Mr. S. Blaszkka (Development Officer) and by Administrative Officers. In Yagba additional checks have been carried out by those council members to whom the duties of financial supervision have been delegated by the Native Authorities.

Judicial.

48. No session of the Supreme Court was held in Kabba during the year. One Kabba Civil Case and Nil Criminal Cases were heard during the Okene sessions of the Supreme Court.

49. The Magistrate Grade I, Benin, held 4 Sessions in Kabba and dealt with nil Civil and 11 Criminal Cases. The Magistrate Grade III, Kabba, heard Nil Civil Cases and 36 Criminal Cases of which 25 were Forestry cases.

Native Courts.

50. Matrimonial cases continued to flood the Kabba, Ijumu, East Yagba and West Yagba Courts. In August the Summons fee for matrimonial cases was raised in all Courts from 5/- to £1 to bring them into line with fees charged in neighbouring divisions. The increase in fees has had little effect on the volume of such cases. The work of the courts, with the exception of the East Yagba Court, has been reasonably satisfactory. The Ijumu Court has improved slightly but still has a backlog of unheard cases.

51. 27 Reviews were held as compared with 46 last year. Of these 17 were of Civil and 10 of Criminal Cases. The distribution is :-

Kabba 3, Ijumu 5, Aworo 2, Bunu 4, East Yagba 13, West Yagba 1.

52. The following is a comparative table showing criminal and civil cases together with fees and fines collected in 1950 and 1951 :-

Court	1950		Fees	Fines
	Criminal Cases	Civil Cases		
Kabba	47	291	£273:15:9	£ 27: 5: 0
Bunu	59	117	89: 6: 9	65:10: 0
Ijumu	43	213	251:12: 8	165:15: 6
Aworo	36	85	59: 8: 1	43: 0
East Yagba	101	386	430: 0: 0	
West Yagba	21	232		
Total	207	1002		

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Court	Criminal Cases	Civil Cases	Fees	Fines
Kabba	72	294	£386: 7:1	£ 41:10: 0
Bunu	53	199	187: 7:7	61:15: 0
Ijumu	57	427	392:18:2	97: 7: 6
Aworo	29	62	54: 9:6	38:10:10
East Yagba	133	384	480:15:3	388: -: -
West Yagba	29	358	414: 7:4	27: 7: 6
Total	301	1430	1529:17:10	613: 0:10

Police.

53. Neither the Kabba nor the Yagba Force was visited by a Senior Police Officer during the year. It is hoped that visits of inspection will be resumed in 1952.

54. The work of the Kabba Police Force has not be altogether satisfactory, particularly with regard to motoring offences and the overloading of lorries. This may in part be due to the high turnover of personnel during the year. The work of the Yagba Police Force has been satisfactory.

55. Lance Corporal E.M. Ola of the Yagba Force attended an I Branch Course at Ikoja during the last quarter of the year.

Prisons.

56. The daily average number of prisoners in the Kabba Native Administration Prison was 10.6 as compared with 14.5 for 1950. The health of the prisoners has been good. It has cost 7d per day to feed them.

Medical and Health.

57. Attendance at Dispensaries was as follows :-

Dispensary	1950	1951
Kabba	22215	36919
Agbaja	9546	8148
Ife-Yagba	7275	12399
Okeri	3561	8204

58. The Kabba Native Administrative Midwife continues to be popular. Figures are as follows :-

Attendances	4582
Deliveries Male	64
Deliveries Female	93

The West Yagba Native Authority has selected a girl for training as a midwife at Ilorin. She will begin training as soon as a vacancy is available.

59. The Sudan Interior Mission Dispensaries have continued to do good work at Mopa, Egbe and Isanlu. They are not prepared to treat Native Administration Staff free of charge and this has been a sore point with Yagba Native Administration staff.

60. Construction of the proposed Sudan Interior Mission Hospital at Egbe has not yet commenced as the necessary Certificate of Occupancy has not yet been granted. Dr. G.F.J. Campion who is to be in charge of the Hospital arrived in Egbe in December.

61. Oyi River Leper Settlement (Sudan Interior Mission).

The Reverend R. Stone remained in charge of the Settlement throughout the year. The population of the Settlement is now static at approximately 1000. It is hoped that any further expansion will be absorbed by Segregation Villages. Approximately 60% of the patients are from Igbirra.

62. Kponyan Lepers' Segregation Village. This Segregation Village is supervised by the Missionary in-charge Oyi River Settlement. A Dispenser from the parent settlement attends frequently to give treatment. There are now 75 inmates as compared with 70 in 1950. Relations between the inmates and the people of Kponyan Village were strained for a while over the question of water supply, but the matter has now been settled amicably. It is hoped that the Native Administrations will be able to provide modest funds to assist the building programme at this segregation village.

63. The Conservancy Service started in Kabba Town in 1950 has not been well supported. Great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining conservancy labourers at the authorised rates.

64. 11 deaths from Small Pox were reported during the year. The village head of Odokoro and three others were prosecuted for concealment of 8 cases of small pox which occurred in Odokoro during the month of February.

65. The opening of Postal Agencies at Agbaja, Aiyegunle and Ife-Yagba brought the total number of Postal Agencies in the Division to ten. An Application by the people of Igbagun to open a Postal Agency is under consideration. The volume of mail to and from Isanlu does not yet justify the conversion of the existing Postal Agency into a Post Office.

Posts and
Telegraphs.

Education:

66. A popular and well-attended exhibition of School Crafts was held in the United School, Kabba on the 19th September. The exhibits were numerous and of a high standard. The shield for the best all round exhibits was won by Efo-Amuro Apostolic School with the Ife-Ikoyi United School and Aiyetoro-Gbedde Native Authority Community School as joint runners-up.

67. The communally-built Kabba Domestic Science Centre was opened on September 19th by the Domestic Science Organiser, Northern Provinces. Classes for school girls were started in the last quarter of the year. Classes for adult women will be started early in 1952.

68. The Divisional Education Committee met quarterly and accomplished much useful work. Approval for the opening of Schools was given as follows :-

- Native Authority Community School, Ilai...allowed to be opened.
- " " " " Okeagi .. Allowed to be opened.
- " " " " Agbaja (previously a C.M.S. School) allowed to be opened.

69. Construction work began on the Women's Elementary Training Centre at Kabba [see paragraph 19].

70. The decision, made known in October, that the Middle Belt Girls' Junior Secondary School would be located at Ilorin instead of Kabba was a keen disappointment to the Native Authorities and all others interested in the Educational Development of the Division. A Practising School will, however, still be required for the Women's Elementary Training Centre, and it is hoped that this will be planned in such a way as to allow for its eventual expansion to secondary status.

71. The Sudan Interior Mission Secondary School, Egbe, opened with one class in February. Work was done on the playing field during the year and a new wing is under construction.

72. Adult Literacy Classes were started in June and by the end of the year 76 students, including the Obaro of Kabba, had passed the prescribed examination and been awarded literacy certificates. The demand for adult literacy pamphlets remains high.

Agriculture.

73. The rains were well above average during the year, but distribution from one month to another was erratic. Tables showing distribution during this and the preceding 3 years for Kabba and Isanlu is shown below :-

Kabba	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr.	May	June	Jul.	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	De
1948	-	2.40	3.77	4.08	7.38	9.97	9.35	6.34	10.95	6.46	-	-
1949	-	.11	.49	11.49	19.48	18.40	14.85	5.77	8.55	2.77	2.18	-
1950	2.98	1.05	1.07	5.97	5.24	7.61	6.73	6.34	9.64	5.27	.85	-
1951	1.77	-	5.16	2.26	9.73	5.13	13.54	7.81	17.19	10.10	1.50	-

Yagba	Jan	Feb	Mar.	Apr	May	June	Jul.	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	De
1948	-	2.40	3.77	4.08	7.38	9.97	9.85	6.34	10.95	6.46	-	-
1949	-	-	1.65	2.83	6.27	5.50	11.95	12.47	6.38	2.59	-	-
1950	.63	-	-	6.41	-	-	8.12	7.17	11.27	-	-	-
1951	.38	.48	3.86	7.73	9.84	3.51	10.26	9.41	9.74	8.57	2.34	-

The lowland yam crop was adversely affected by the April break in the rains in the southern half of the Division. The main crop was slightly affected by the excessive rainfall during the period July to October.

74. There has been a sharp rise in acreage under Castor due to a rise in price. As castor is largely grown on spare or marginal land this has not yet had any significant effect on food crop acreage. More coffee has been planted and the annual yield is now estimated at 30 tons. Sunflower has ceased to be a popular crop and acreage is now negligible.

75. The Nigerian Tobacco Company experimented in growing Virginia type Tobacco over a total of 3 acres at Aiyegunle, Araromi, and Takete Idde, where Nicotina Rusticana is already an important crop. In spite of over-optimum rainfall yields will probably justify the permanent introduction of this crop. It is hoped that the higher-priced Virginia type tobacco will gradually supplant the present type without adversely affecting the acreage available for food crops.

76. The Yagba mixed farm was transferred to a new site early in the year. The yam crop was planted late and yield was poor in consequence. Yields of guinea corn, groundnuts, cowpeas, sunflower and cotton were satisfactory. The Kabba Mixed Farm had a very bad year. Crops were repeatedly grazed over by stray cattle and the farmer who did not live on the farm made little effort to keep them away. He was dismissed in October and replaced by a more suitable man.

77. Nurseries at Kabba, Moppo and Egbe have had a successful year. The local demand for budded citrus remains high.

78. A successful market gardening venture was started by Kabba Native Administration using Farmyard Manure from the adjacent Cattle Kraals. Ready markets for the vegetables were found locally and in Lokoja and Okene.

79. Manurial demonstration plots at Kabba, Ogidi and Aiyegunle were planted with early maize. Half of the one-tenth of an acre plots were manured at the rate of 8 tons to the acre. The plots were provided and worked by local farmers. Local farmers were lectured on the spot and noted the marked improvement in yield of the manured area over the control area.

80. Rust disease in maize was widespread during the year in the Southern half of the Division. Yields have not as yet been seriously affected.

81. Agronomic Surveys were carried out in connection with the World Census of Agriculture in the Villages of Ilafin (East Yagba) and Egunbe (Kabba).

Veterinary.

82. Numerous complaints have been received from farmers in the Kabba and East Yagba areas of damage to farm crops by straying animals. The children of Cattle owners are becoming increasingly reluctant to herd cattle and reliable Fulani herdsmen are difficult to obtain. Substantial fines have been imposed in the most blatant cases of neglect by cattle owners and the Native Authorities of Kabba, East Yagba and West Yagba have agreed to make rules for the control of Cattle within their area.

83. The Native Authority Veterinary Assistant has toured regularly and extensively but his work is no substitute for regular visits from the Veterinary Officer which have not been forthcoming.

84. The Dairy production figures are as follows :-

Milk bought	11246	lbs.	6	oz
Milk Separated	9220	"	14	"
Butter Produced	478	"	9	"
Butter sold	476	"	7	"
Cream Churned	759	"	12	"

Of the above products 25% was sold to local Africans.

Forestry.

85. Field work on the consolidation of the Olle Reserve was completed in March and a consolidation inquiry was held in the same month. In July a supplementary inquiry was held in order to determine the final form of the Igbo enclave. Demarcation of the proposed Ogbe reserve was carried out in May and an Inquiry was held at the end of the month.

86. The Kabba and Yagba Native Authority Foresters were dismissed for departmental offences in the course of the year. One Kabba Native Authority Forest Guard was found guilty of corruption and sentenced to a term of imprisonment. Numerous prosecutions for Forestry Offences were made in both the Magistrate's Court and the Native Courts. In consequence there was a sharp increase in Forestry Revenues to both Native Treasuries.

87. After the dismissal of the two Foresters it was proposed that the two Native Treasuries should share Forester on Grade G. It has not yet been possible to engage a suitable man for this post.

Public Works

88. Government. The alteration of the Old Divisional Office to a Rest House was completed in the first Quarter of the year. The construction of the new clerks quarters was also completed. A second rest house was built at Isanlu.

89. In December the Assistant District Officer's house at Kabba was gutted by fire. Roof thatch and timbers were destroyed but the Provincial Engineer's report on the strength of the walls is awaited before a decision is made whether or not to re-roof.

Mining.

90. De Paravicini has been mining tin regularly. Antonopolous has carried out only the minimum work on his tin leases. He has also been working gold but claims to have had little success. Hamber's activity has been confined to prospecting. Phillips has also been prospecting in the Division on behalf of the Oni of Ife.

Missions.

91. The following changes took place during the year :-

Mission	Name	Arrived Date	Place	Departed	
				Date	Place
Apostolic	Pastor & Mrs. Kirkwood	-	-	May 1951	United-Kingdom
Apostolic	Pastor & Mrs. Morris	-	-	17/4/51	"
S.I.M.	Mr. J.H. Poole	11/12/51	Egbe	-	-
"	Dr. & Mrs. F.G. Campion	4/12/51	- do -	-	-
"	Miss E. Reid	-	-	-	Isanlu
R.C.M.	Rev. Fr. O'Regan	-	-	17/12/51	Ashaka
"	Rev. Fr. Murphy	-	-	1/8/51	Sapele
"	Rev. Fr. Emordi	22/8/51	Kabba	-	-
"	Rev. Fr. Duffy	7/12/51	Kabba	-	-

92. Relations between the Missions and the people were good.

Trade and Economics.

93. Food prices were at an inflated level during the first six months of the year, but there was a marked easement of the position in the last two quarters. Extensive exports of foodstuffs to the Western Provinces continued.

94. The Kabba Farmers Co-operative Society was founded in April and is now in a healthy position. The farmers Co-operatives at Ponyan and Isanlu have also had a satisfactory year.

95. The figures (in tons) for produce graded are as follows :-

	1950	1951
Palm Kernels	206	220
Cocoa	97	132

96. Applications for loans have continued to pour in, but investigation has proved that in all but a few cases the loan is required either for use as trading capital or to enable the borrower to hire labourers for large scale yam farming.

Now that the Native Authorities are required to guarantee 50% of all loans, only the most solid citizens are likely to be assisted in this way. Mr. Ayo Dare has made less than satisfactory progress with his piggery venture but was able to pay off the first instalment of his \$500 loan at the end of the year. Mr. Luke Daniyan of Hopa was granted a loan of \$180 to start a poultry farm.

97. Mr. G.A.Dare's application for a loan of \$8,000 to operate a sawmill was rejected by the Board on the advice of the Forestry Department. At year's end it was evident that the Department would give its support to a much smaller loan of about \$2,500.

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al Welfare.

98. The Land Ranger was busy throughout the year in improving the layout of those villages which wished to co-operate with him. In particular attempts have been made to check ribbon development by laying out subsidiary streets in main road villages. Considerable work was also done on the Isanlu New Settlement [see paragraph 37.7]. Extensive warnings against infringements of the Building Lines Regulations have been given during the year to the villages concerned.

PART IV - General.

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99. In the Political sphere the main problem is to find a constructive and mutually profitable relationship between the traditional leaders and the new intelligentsia. The elections held under the New Constitution have stimulated the desire for a broader basis of representation in Local Affairs. Younger villager, his horizon widened by rapid strides in Education and Communication, now looks beyond the confines of his village and is not altogether satisfied with what he sees at the District level. He is keen to play his part and has a great deal - though not, perhaps, as much as he thinks - to offer. Only the realisation of this fact by the traditional elements can ensure the development of Local Government along sound lines.

100. Allied to the Political problem and challenge posed by the young literates is that of the drainage away of ability from primary production. Labour has lost its dignity for the time being and will regain it only when it is evident that its earning capacity has not been impaired. Meanwhile the men who should be leading the vanguard of the agricultural revolution are hanging around the verandahs of Government and Native Administration offices seeking white-collar employment.

101. The young literates will become old literates, and the operation of economic laws will in time squeeze the 'jobless' back onto the land. But that is not good enough. Time is not on our side. Our greatest enemy is complacency and 1951 with its otherwise welcome boom conditions has done little to destroy it.