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UASIN-GISHU RAILWAY.

1920

April

previous Paper:

States able to obtain rails in France at reduced rate and suggests they be bought for Uganda Railway and partly work done for extension.

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Copy by Morley on 19 May 20 24070
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*We have no money.
If you think we should
take this up, CA should
be asked to agree on a
condition re: it?*

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*Copy to C.A. for [unclear]
at once.
J. A.
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TELEGRAMS
TO THE
OFFICE, LONDON
TELEPHONE NO.
1742 VICTORIA

Sir Herbert Read, K.C.M.G.,
Colonial Office,
S. W. 1.

3. CENTRAL BUILDINGS,
WESTMINSTER, S.W.1

6th April, 1920.

Dear Sir Herbert

Handwritten initials

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After the meeting of the committee, when matters appeared to be settled, my staff are going into the question of Rail deliveries. It is only this afternoon in a position to report to you.

I am able to obtain now a parcel of flat bottom 75 lb. rails new, in France, - 13,000 tons @ about £14 per ton. I believe if a firm offer could be made for the whole parcel they could be purchased for £10/12, where they lie. I am also in a position to guarantee immediate shipment.

50 lbs., I think, is the weight specified for our Extension, but it just occurred to me that as the above rails are unquestionably cheap, and can be obtained now (for new orders you have to wait months and months) it might be good business to order them forthwith for the Uganda railway for them to replace and give their partly worn rails for the Extension work.

This would give us rails when we wanted them, and secondhand rails would cost our Extension much less, and consequently would materially help me to keep the cost low, and incidentally might please everybody.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. The basic market price of rails to-day is anything from £18.10.0. to £22, and no delivery guaranteed.

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10th April 1920

Gentlemen.

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I am to be to you

Mr. Parnley 9 April

Mr. Bottomley 9.4.20

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Sir H. Lambert.

Sir H. Read.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Col. Amery.

Lord Milner.

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Copy Disposal Bd. com. 25 June 20
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for your oblige to see
copy of a letter from
J. Norton Griffiths suggesting
the purchase for the U.K.
of a parcel of flat
cotton 75 lb. rails which
he states are now
awaiting disposal in
France

H. J. [unclear]