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Sir

I have the honour to refer to your telegram of the 22nd of January respecting the delays which have occurred in forwarding permanent way material for the Magadi Railway.

- 2. These delays have resulted mainly from the large increase in general traffic experienced by the Uganda Railway during the latter half of last year, e.g. from March to June 1912 the total tonnage handled was about 12,000 tons per mensem; whereas since that date the average quantity has been 16,000 tons per mensem.
 - 3. The General Manager of the Uganda Railway is fully alive to the importance of expediting as much as possible the delivery of permanent way material

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material for the Magadi line, and arrangements are now being made whereby the Company will receive preferential treatment in the matter of trucks. By this means it is hoped that the present average of 17.2 tons of material arriving daily at the junction will be increased to some 400 or 500 tons per week.

4. In this connection I would observe that under present conditions the speedy delivery of material is impossible unless consignments are despatched from England at regular intervals.

I have the honour to be,

Your humble, obedient servant,

GOVERNOR.

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