

subject to anything that may happen  
between now & the 10th —

I am painfully aware of the  
importance of the Hon. Member's  
replies, and I can assure him that the  
matter is engaging my earnest attention

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Official Report  
18 June 1913  
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continue that process.

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Railway  
Steamers and rolling Stock

114. Mr. Grant. — To ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies, if he is aware  
of the inadequacy of the steamers on the Victoria Nyanza and the railway in  
British East Africa to deal with the existing traffic; that the order  
already on hand for new boats and rolling stock is insufficient; that the  
existing state of affairs is so unsatisfactory that the Germans are now  
contemplating constructing a railway of their own to the lake; and that, if  
this is done, it will divert into German hands an enormous amount of  
carrying trade which we can retain by a forward policy at the present time;  
and whether he proposes to take any action in the matter. [Monday 11th  
August.]

Sir J. Anderson  
? Reply

I understand that the recent inspection of  
the Lake ports and the railway has  
been relieved. One of the new cargo  
steamers for the Lake is expected to be  
launched very shortly and the material  
for a second steamer is already on the  
spot. The construction of the new lighter-tying  
wharf to be employed in the Karamoja  
area will also be launched shortly with  
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considering, as I stated in my reply to  
the Hon.ble member for East Nottingham  
on the 14th of June, what further de-  
cision it is desirable + practicable to  
take. I hope next year to be able to  
give you an account of the progress  
of the contemplated construction of  
a railway to the Lake.

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Mr. A. Sharpe said something about this to me  
but I did not understand that they were actually  
preparing to construct a line but that they  
were waiting to see whether we made  
satisfactory arrangements for dealing with the  
trade. The Traffic manager of the Transport  
Co. told me that the accumulations at the  
German wharves had been cleared off since  
he came away, but that there was likely to  
be accumulation again at the end of the year.  
On the other hand the new steamer is very far  
forward & ought to make a considerable difference  
according to our latest figures, German &  
African contributions about 17% of the earnings  
of the R.M.S.

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11 August 1913

Mr. HARCOURT: I understand that the recent congestion at the lake ports and on the railway has been relieved. One of the new cargo steamers for the lake is expected to be launched very shortly, and the material for a second steamer is already on the spot. The new lighter-tug which is to be employed in the Keweenaw Gulf will also be launched shortly. With these new boats and the considerable amount of new rolling stock which is coming forward for delivery, I trust that it will be possible to deal temporarily with the expansion of trade. I am now considering, as I stated in my reply to the hon. Member for East Nottingham on the 18th June, what further action it is desirable and practicable to take, and I hope next year to be able to commence a considerable further expenditure for these purposes.

Captain GILMOUR: Can the right hon. Gentleman say when the new rolling stock will be delivered?

Mr. HARCOURT: No, I cannot say the date. It is coming forward very rapidly.