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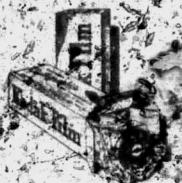
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### GERMANAIMS IN EAST AFRICA

*East Africa* has so frequently drawn light on German aims and activities in East Africa that its readers will not be surprised to read the following quotations from an article recently contributed to *The African World*—which journal no one can regard as anti-German. The article reads:

In pre-War days Germany possessed almost a stranglehold upon the commerce of Mozambique. There was no town or settlement on the coast of that rich colony which did not contain a number of German "comptoirs" or agencies. Scores of British, Indian and Portuguese merchants were financed by capital judiciously employed by the German agencies of wealthy Hamburg houses, whose long credits for goods supplied often enabled local traders and bushmen in times of difficulty to keep afloat. In a word, German money and German commercial influence became a power in the land upon which the Portuguese administration often looked with ill-concealed disquietude and misgivings.

Then came the War, during which to all appearance Teutonic activities came to an end. Their cessation, however, was more apparent than real; for in many cases their interests were safeguarded by neutral, and sometimes by Portuguese, houses. So that at the end of hostilities the resumption of business proceeded smoothly, and a new began to gather way.

Immediately after the return of peace the Hamburg agencies re-established themselves, returning to their former haunts to centres wherein their welcome was as red as it indeed, it undoubtedly was. Once again they re-established relations with local business men, who turned to them hoping for a renewal of well-remembered, favourable pre-war conditions. So followed, however, was the tension. German agencies shortened their credits and hardened their terms. The policy was to annex the existing existing interests of an approved competitor—in other words to expand in Portugal's East Africa the position of German commerce and other influence by the acquisition in the country of a definite state whose importance was to grow and increase.

In this year have recently several important acts of legislation been passed relating to the port of Dar es Salaam, the port of Beira, and of Lourenço Marques, all derived from their pre-war financial and trading laws of 1914. Between them and bankruptcy, over which Portugal have clearly plunged.

That there is a well-considered motive for the evidently inspired commercial policy at present pursued by the Hamburg houses is regarded as certain, and in well-informed circles it is looked upon as probable that this motive may not have been unconnected with the future of at least the northern portion of the province represented by the administration of the Companhia do Niassa, which serves the Nishon Government. At all events, on the point of determining, it is somewhat suggestive that it is precisely in that neighbouring portion of the Mozambique Province that German aggressiveness has been of late most strikingly displayed, and as a result the question of the future destiny of the

rich, and fertile areas which lie between Lake Nyasa and the Indian Ocean is being freely debated.

The large and contentious influx of Germans into the neighbouring mandated territories of Tanganyika, which it is often stated is not unconnected with the well-known fact that that division may one day return to German control, may notwithstanding be without bearing upon aspirations in the direction not only of the re-establishment of the days of a German administration at Dar es Salaam, but of still greater dominion. East Africa swelled by the incorporation thereto of at least a portion of those rich and wholly desirable Portuguese areas on the other side of the Zambesi.

### THE ISRAEL MAN IN KENYA

Sir RICHARD FINNEY, D.P.L., who was Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Agriculture from 1919 to 1925, and who has recently visited Kenya, has given *The African Mercury* his impressions of the colony's settlement scheme.

In Kenya he said: "80% of the people with whom I came into contact declared that it was imperative that they should have men with at least £5,000. This is to assist the small man, and if I had not had the experience of my early advocacy of small holdings in England behind me I could have been completely won over by their arguments. As it is, I was not convinced and am confident that the small man finds a better type of man will make good in Kenya."

Two things will be absolutely necessary to ensure success in any scheme that may launch itself there: skill to be very careful selection in England of incoming settlers. Then, having the right type of man, the next thing will be to settle them on the right types of land in Kenya.

In England there has grown up since the War very much less of a taste for farming than was to be found there even before the outbreak of hostilities, and the question arises: what are those farmers going to do for thin-skinned sheep? It is obvious that the average could not be conveniently subdivided to provide competency for each member of the family who expects that creature. So the so-called English farmers are turning their backs and moving to the Colonies and Dominion. And that is the type of settler who is bound to make good in a country like Kenya with a limited amount of capital at his disposal. He is used to hard work and that is more essential than a climate such as Kenya, where obviously he could not be expected to work as strenuously as in the cool temperate climate of England. He has learned the art of supervising, which will stand him in good stead in the management of his Native servants, who will not be able to do most of the heavy work. There is one of Benjamin Franklin's maxims which sums up the whole trend of my argument. That is, that two of the most important more work than both of his servants.

Sir Richard added that he had made a few suggestions in regard to closer settlement, and he suggested that the formulators of the provisional scheme in Kenya would do well to take a close placing of before the reasonably transfer in London for approval.

After administrative changes moved from too fast, too frequently, a general complaint throughout East and Central Africa. But it is not clear that their stay in the Union averages little more than a week. The result is that the Basotho, the Zulus, the Xhosas, the Swazis, the Pedi, the Tswana, the Basuto, the Bantu, the Kaffirs, the Diggers, Officers, etc., are all in a state of flux, and it cannot be true that

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East Africa's Information Bureau exists for the free service of subscribers and advertisers during the Editor's aid on any matter. One of its principal objects is to contribute to the development of British trade throughout East and Central Africa, and any information which readers are willing to give for that purpose will be cordially welcomed.

Manufacturers wishing to appoint agents, and agents seeking further representations, are invited to communicate with the Editor. No charge is made for the service rendered by this Journal in such matters.

Optimism is general in the Kampala bazaar.

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Tea grown on Major Leslie Kenyon's estates at Mityana, Uganda, is now on sale at a leading Kampala store.

Notice is given that the Suez Stores, Kitale, have been sold to Abdulla Mahomed by the former owners, Ali Kassam & Sons.

Imports into Kenya and Uganda during the week ended January 25 included 2,102 casks of cement, 1,665 packages of cotton piece goods.

The local journals from Uganda report a scarcity of corrugated iron. Wealthier Natives are now increasingly inclined to build brick houses.

Abyssinia is backward in many respects. This is decided in the erection of a wireless station at Addis Ababa—which capital, by the way, already has electric light.

The British South Africa Company has declared a dividend of 1/- per share with a bonus of 1/- per share, payable on March 7 in respect of the year ended September 30 last.

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In recent months we have published several letters dealing with proposals for the establishment of cotton mills in East and Central Africa, and our readers will therefore be interested to learn that six textile factories are to be built in the Belgian Congo, and that the first was recently opened in Kinshasa.

The Buganda Seed Ginning Association is to operate during 1929, but on lines different from those followed last season. This year the ginneries are to be taken over by the Association, which is to pay one cent per pound of lint as rental to the ginnery, all working charges being borne by the Association, among whom the new plant is to be divided this year, hot seed cotton being the case last year.

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Second sizes

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## Toro

First size

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There is some inquiry at about £2 75s. od

for white and/or yellow, with sellers quoting £2 12s. od

for February-March shipment.

## Sisal

The market continues quiet and steady

value

No. 4 East African cord marks £6 10s. per ton

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## EAST AFRICAN MAIL

Mails from Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, and Zanzibar leave at the G.P.O., London, at 6 p.m. to-day, and at the same time on March 2, 12, 14, 21, 26, 28. Mails for Nyasaland, Rhodesia, and Portuguese West Africa close at the G.P.O., London, at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow March 1.

Inward-mails from East Africa are expected in London on March 3, 9, and 14.

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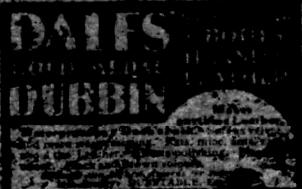
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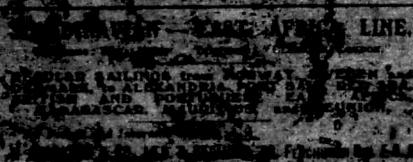
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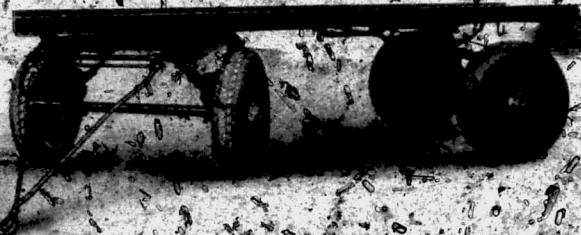


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## THE RHODESIES AND NYASALAND

THAT decisions regarding Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia must profoundly affect the possibility of the ultimate creation of one great State embracing all the British territories between Southern Rhodesia on the south and Kenya and Uganda on the north has been recognised by students of East and Central African problems, some of whom have claimed that until communications were better developed closer union would be practicable only between Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika (and Zanzibar, if opinion in that island favoured co-operation with the three mainland dependencies); even though the inclusion of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland might be desirable on *principles* grounds the present impossibility of speed and regular travel between the constituent members of such a federation would, they argued, make it unwise to bring those two Central African territories within the immediate sphere of the Governor-General. On the other hand, if they were left out they might, it was suggested, gravitate towards Southern Rhodesia, in which case the formation sooner or later of a northern group and a southern group each of three British States would put an end to the perpetuation of two great units instead of to the

eventual co-existence of three Dependencies as one great state.

Three, at least, of the four members of the Hilton Young Commission are apparently not seriously perturbed at such a prospect. Their most interesting examination of possible new forms of administration for the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland lays special emphasis on their conviction that the Government of Southern Rhodesia takes a statesmanlike view of the future and in consequence territorial amalgamation is at the expense of division. Impressed by the moderation of the members of the Southern Rhodesia Government, the Commissioners record that Southern Rhodesia's leaders "are neither anxious to inaugurate prematurely their own responsibility nor to put any pressure on their neighbours to force a union in advance of the assured support of public opinion." Thus they dismiss the charges of covetousness brought by interested parties against the virile self-governing Colony which has made such wonderful progress in recent years.

Amalgamation of the three Central African territories seems premature to these three Commissioners, who recommend maintenance of the present independent status of the Governments—though with this and other proposals concerning the central territories their Chairman, Sir Hilton Young, disagrees. His colleagues, considering it impossible to foresee the best ultimate grouping of the territories, plead that the future may not be pre-empted by any interim arrangement likely to create difficulties in the way of future readjustment, urge that Southern Rhodesia should be given a respite to solve her own problems before assuming new responsibilities, argue that in so far as which they recommend for Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika should be tested before application to other Dependencies, and content themselves with the proposal that the High Commissioner or Governor-General of the northern territories should keep personal touch with developments in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland and be the Secretary of State's chief adviser concerning them. One of the chief merits claimed for this arrangement is that it could at any time be revised without difficulty, and that it would not create great vested interests. Intercollegiate negotiations of considerable difficulty are for increased unofficial representation on the Legislative Councils of both Protectorates; encouragement of local self-government to the greatest possible extent, the institution of a new land policy, Native production labour, Native education, and administration, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and a Native civil service, and a system of responsible Native administration. It lies at present in practice in Tanganyika Territory.

## THE RHODESIAS AND NYASALAND.

## Majority Report of the Commission.

What political adjustments are necessary or what specific such exhortations of policy as may be required to effect them?

The first of these two general territories is known as Northern Rhodesia, and its population is little more than half that of Kenya. From the economic point of view there would not be a large enough unit to support a separate system of government on the lines that we have proposed for the northern territories. The proposed Central Authority would be burdened with the responsibility of providing sufficient work to attract a Governor-General with the high qualifications that would be required to meet to justify his appointment. If the therefore no one system of policy is to be granted to these territories through the agency of a controlling authority in a separate and necessary independent trusteehip, it will be difficult to harmonise with the neighbouring territories. Such a system might take one of the following forms:

(a) These two territories might be brought within the northern system and placed under the Central Authority for Eastern Africa.

(b) They might be united to Southern Rhodesia in some kind of federation.

(c) They might be completely amalgamated with Southern Rhodesia.

(4) They might be placed under the general supervision of the Governor of Southern Rhodesia, as High Commissioner, who would exercise in relation to them powers similar to those which we propose to give to the Central Authority for Eastern Africa.

(5) The area comprised in the two territories might be divided, part gravitating towards the north and part towards the south.

(6) The present status of the two Governments might be maintained, but the Governor-General of the northern territories might supervise Native policy and have a common interest in an advisory capacity.

## Public Opinion.

The views and sentiments of the settled European community are an important factor to be taken into account, for no far-reaching change could be effected without the support and co-operation of that community. The impressions that we have are as follows:

**Nyasaland.**—Opinion in Nyasaland is divided and uncertain. The Merchants' Association of Blantyre and the Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce, who represent the trading interests and the large agricultural companies and firms, are in favour of eventual federation or closer union with the northern territories when the improvement of communications renders this possible. They apprehend that the interests of the Natives would suffer if Nyasaland were drawn into the orbit of Southern Rhodesia, as they consider that any such combination is likely to develop in the direction of a "colour bar." On the other hand, the industrialists and planters, so far as we can judge, are in general representative of their class and are generally in sympathy with whatever may be the white policy. Southern Rhodesians are opposed to any union with the north since that subject must arise when they regard as the true Native peoples of Tanganyika and Uganda. The majority of them, however, do not advocate any early changes, and consider that in any case the first step should only be a union with Northern Rhodesia, leaving the question of federation with Southern Rhodesia for future consideration.

\* We continue extract from the Report of the Commission on Federation in Eastern and Central Africa (Cmnd. 324, 6s. net). This week's quotation is from the opinions expressed by Sir George Chater, Sir Reginald Mant, and Mr. J. C. Oldham on the subject of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland. The Chairman, Mr. Hilton Young, disagrees entirely with the report, and their recommendations are not referred to in this article.

Published opinion in Nyasaland is that it is generally opposed to any immediate action in the direction of closer union, although a proposal to absplit the North-Eastern Territories, Northern Rhodesia would probably meet with general approval.

**Northern Rhodesia.**—In Northern Rhodesia itself there is no unanimity of opinion. The East Lomwawa district sends its produce to Nyasaland and has its trade connections in Blantyre. This situation has led some of the settlers around Fort Jameson to consider whether their interests would not be better served by amalgamation with that Protectorate. The inclination in this direction has not yet crystallised, but it is hard for the transfer of the district, but Northern Rhodesia were to amalgamate with the southern Rhodesia, while Nyasaland remained under the Central Authority which we propose for the northern group, we have little doubt that the isolated community around Fort Jameson would seek to link its destiny with the latter. In fact, their representatives definitely stated that they were opposed to any union with Southern Rhodesia unless Nyasaland were included.

## The Native Belt.

The Europeans in the central part of Northern Rhodesia, i.e., the area served by the railway, have a different outlook to this part of the country, being coloured mainly from Southern Rhodesia, its main trade, as we have shown, is with or through that colony, and its natural sympathies are with its southern neighbour. Moreover, the European community feels that the views would carry greater weight in comparison with native interests, and that the non-official would have a greater voice in the administration if they were amalgamated with self-governing white state. But even here there is some difference of opinion. In Livingstone it is apprehended that the change would remove the seat of government and thereby reduce the volume of trade and cause a serious fall in the value of landed property.

On the other hand, the representatives of the mining interests are generally in favour of it. Those interests are closely affected by such matters as railway rates in the Rhodesias, and it would obviously be more convenient for them to discuss these matters with one government instead of two. The spokesmen of the farming interests in the railway belt, who appeared before us were in favour of amalgamation, though we understand that there are some dissentients who fear that Northern Rhodesia would not be able to obtain sufficient representation in a joint legislature to safeguard their special interests. European opinion in this part of the country is generally united in opposition to any idea of partition of the territories, as it wishes a certain control over the districts, particularly in the north-western section, from which the settled areas draw their main supply of labour.

**Southern Rhodesia.**—Southern Rhodesia is outside our terms of reference, but the attitude of public opinion there towards the idea of closer union with one or both of the Central territories is relevant to this part of our inquiry. The Colony lies between the Union of South Africa and the two Protectorates, and her geographical position would admit of political amalgamation with either. The possibility of her being drawn into the orbit of the Union has an important bearing on the question whether it is advisable to form any close connection between Southern Rhodesia and the Central territories. We have had the advantage of frequent discussions on the subject with Sir John Charlot, the殖民地 Governor of the Colony, and the Colonial Ministers, and with the Leader of the Opposition.

When a referendum was held in 1913 on the question of joining the Union, the result was as follows:

The Government of several Saints, there was a considerable majority (about 80%) in favour of this step; but we gained the impression that a large part of the minority had now changed its mind, and that the country has come to look north instead of south. The policy which now finds general favour is that of "Greater Rhodesia," and informal discussions have already taken place between representatives of the two territories on the terms on which amalgamation might be effected. Some of the advocates of this policy look forward to the inclusion, at some future time, of Nyasaland in the Greater Rhodesia. In stating that the policy of a "Greater Rhodesia" now finds general favour, we must guard against any impression that the present Government's efforts are aimed to expand its powers. We were much impressed by the moderation of their views on this matter, and their statesmanlike appreciation of the fact that a newly established self-governing Colony still had much experience to gain in handling their own problems. They were neither anxious to increase prematurely their own responsibilities nor to put any pressure on their neighbours to force a hasty admittance of the assured support of public opinion.

#### Analysis of Alternatives.

*Uniting with the Northern Territories.*—From many points of view eventual union with the northern territories would appear to be the natural destiny of Nyasaland. The greater Rhodesia is a white man's country, its physical and climatic conditions are generally similar to those of Transvaal, and as regards Native policy most of its problems are the same as those which prevail on the northern territories.

The same considerations also favour the northern territories. Southern Rhodesia, its status in the country, its position in Central Africa, and its proximity to the natural doorway also indicate to us the direction of union with the north, though the position might be altered if mineral developments brought the two western districts into closer relation with the Rhodesian railway system. On the other hand, the railway in Northern Rhodesia has many close connections with Southern Rhodesia, and the majority of the European community look forward to closer relations with our Colony rather than to union with the North.

Whether these contrary tendencies will lead to partition of the Protectorate is a question that will be discussed later. For the present we are considering whether the two Protectorates should be placed *en bloc* under the Central Authority which we propose for the northern group. Apart from the fact that no section of opinion urges any such change at present, and the general body of opinion would be opposed to it, the state of communication makes it practicable, as it will probably be many years before the improvement of railway communications will bring about the rank of practical politics. It is of course possible that the position may be altered by the development of an interest in the not-distant future, but for the present we can only conclude that it would not be feasible to include all the five territories in a single political group. Even though the Governor-General might be able to exercise effective supervision over Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, they would find it too difficult to furnish their quota to his advisory council, and still more so if it should develop into a central legislature.

*Federation with Southern Rhodesia.*—We have included federation with Southern Rhodesia among the possible courses in order to make the list exhaustive, but we doubt whether this course can properly be regarded as a possibility. We have shown that federation adds no solution of the problems of the non-self-governing territories to the northern group. It would be even more difficult to devise an stable form of federation between two Protectorates and a Colony possessing a responsible government. The self-governing colony which naturally aspires to be the predominant partner in the arrangement would be likely to give such

influence between the colony and the Colonial Office that the colonies would be either disrupted or the federation or complete amalgamation. We proceed therefore to consider the question of amalgamation.

#### Relations with Southern Rhodesia.

*Amalgamation with Southern Rhodesia.*—The imperial point of view might be held that the formation of a certain advantages might strengthen the position of Southern Rhodesia by setting it expansionist towards across the Zambezi. It appears to us, however, that any amalgamation of the three territories would be a lead prentice.

Between Nyasaland, together with parts of Southern Rhodesia and the northern territories there are certain natural anomalies which point to union with those territories as possibly the best ultimate development, and it would be desirable to take this step now since it is inevitable without the coming of another line of development. Moreover, we wonder whether Southern Rhodesia is yet in a position to undertake the heavy responsibilities which amalgamation would involve. The control of a large black population by the small white minority in that Colony is still an experimental stage, and it would be unwise to add to it. Its military ability to discharge its present task has been tested for a longer time. The present Colony has an area of 40,000 square miles, with a population of 2,000 Europeans and 80,000 Natives. If were to absorb the two Protectorates the area would be increased to 480,000 square miles with a population of 51,000 Europeans and 3,000,000 Natives. The ratio of the white to the black population would thus be reduced from 1 to 16 to 1 to 6. These figures are a sufficient indication of the enormous increase in the task of the Southern Rhodesian Government which amalgamation would involve.

Further experience is required also in another direction before a decision on this subject is taken. We have recommended a novel system of government in the northern territories in the hope that it will be found suitable for the administration of those territories containing a vastly preponderant Native population. It is desirable that this system should be applied to the rest of the territories. It is decided whether the Central and Northern Rhodesia should be brought under the roof of the different system of representative government prevailing in Southern Rhodesia.

It will be clear from the account that we have given of public opinion in the Protectorates that any proposal for amalgamation would meet with general disapproval in Nyasaland and with opposition in parts of Northern Rhodesia. It might be welcome to the majority in the railway belt, but the interests and wishes of that area cannot be expected to outweigh those of the remainder of Northern Rhodesia and the whole of Nyasaland. For the above reasons we are compelled to reject the alternative of amalgamation with Southern Rhodesia.

*Grouping under the Governor of Southern Rhodesia.*—In view of the objections to federation or amalgamation, we have considered whether it would be feasible and desirable, as a temporary expedient, to bring the three territories into some looser form of union with a view to co-ordination of matters of common interest. It has been suggested that the Governor of Southern Rhodesia might be made High Commissioner of the two Protectorates and be vested with general powers of control. He is also to place him in a position analogous to that which we have proposed for the Governor-General in the northern territories. This suggestion has many attractions.

The High Commissioner would be able to co-ordinate Native policy in the Protectorates and to secure co-operation in the various matters in which they have common interests, not only between themselves but also in some respects with Southern Rhodesia. He would be kept in touch through the Colonial Office with the development of Native policy in the northern territories, and would be in a position to direct the policy of the latter territories in the same lines. He would also be advised by the Government of Southern Rhodesia in accordance with the principles approved by His Majesty's Government, and thus lessen the risk of a different Native policy being adopted in each Colony.

On the other hand, there are serious objections to this scheme. It is a very different thing to act for the northern territories, which are scattered over a wide area, than to act for the southern territories, which are concentrated in one Colony.

in view of these proposals the Governor-General will have sufficient personal communication with all three governments but will be equally detached from them all. His primary duties will be the direction of Native policy and the co-ordination of common services. The Governor of Southern Rhodesia would no longer be able to pay frequent visits to the Central territories, "his primary duty" to act as the Secretary's representative at Salisbury. So far as Southern Rhodesia is concerned, he would not have his power to issue Royal Decrees, and as far as the Governor-General of the northern territories of giving final decisions either in the matter of Native policy or of co-ordination of common services, it is inevitable that in the case of Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia he might have to recommend or carry out a policy which was not exactly in accordance with the views of the responsible government of Southern Rhodesia. This would create an embarrassing situation.

Finally, we feel that an arrangement of this kind would prejudice the future political alignment of the central territories. If it were adopted merely as a temporary expedient, it would inevitably create bonds and associations which it would subsequently be difficult to break, and as there are so many reasons for eventually linking Nyasaland and a part at least of Northern Rhodesia with the northern territories we cannot foreclose the forging of any fetters which might bind them permanently to the south.

#### **Partition of the Territories Examined.**

**Partition of the Central Territories.**—Northern Rhodesia comprises three sections with different characteristics and different interests, and it may eventually be found desirable to provide for the administration of these sections by three different methods. Barotseland, with possibly part of the Kasempa district, might be treated as a purely Native area and placed under the direct control of the Governor of Southern Rhodesia as High Commissioner, just as Basutoland, Swaziland and Bechuanaland are administered by the High Commissioner in South Africa. The railway belt might be amalgamated with Southern Rhodesia. The East-Luangwa district might be incorporated in Nyasaland and the rest of the north-eastern section might be joined either to Zambia and Lake Bangwanyika according to the development of economic nations? Any proposal of this kind would meet with the strongest opposition from the most influential section of opinion in Northern Rhodesia, and, for this and other reasons we regard a scheme of partition as premature.

It will however be found desirable some day to include the East-Luangwa district in Zambia but there is no urgency in this matter and its time will await development of conditions and general exploration of interests in the other districts of the north-eastern section, and it would be impossible to make any final decision on this tract until its potentialities are better known. Even with Northern Rhodesia, perhaps best suited at the ultimate destiny of the railway belt in Northern Rhodesia but the transfer of this belt by itself would not be welcome to either party. On the other hand, if we have pointed out in dealing with the question of amalgamation it would be wise to place any further tracts with a large Native population under the Government of Southern Rhodesia until that Government has demonstrated its ability to cope with the extensive Native problems it already confronts.

#### **Maintenance of the Status Quo.**

**The Status Quo.**—Our survey of the possible alternatives thus leads us to the conclusion that the best course for the present is to maintain the independent status of the two governments in the central territories for the following main reasons:

(a) Present conditions may be changed by mineral discoveries and the development of communications. It is impossible to foresee what may be the best ultimate grouping of the territories, and it is unwise to decide at this stage by setting up any ad interim arrangement which later on might be unable to adjust itself.

(b) The Government of Southern Rhodesia requires time to settle down in its nominatively new position and to solve some of its own problems before it takes on the responsibility, particularly in the form of the administration of a large area of country which is predominantly Native. It still remains to be

proved that the territory south of the Zambezi is a "white man's country" in the same sense that our description may apply to the country to the south.

(c) Time is further required to ascertain whether the proposals which we have made for the government of the northern territories would be well in test there by actual experience in the doing, and this would finally settle the future of the central territories.

(d) Irrespective of its extent the proposed scheme of co-operation both in matters of policy and administration, the institution of a Central Authority for the purpose would be premature. In view of the uncertainty of future developments in the various directions this we have indicated we consider that the next step should be of a tentative nature and should not go beyond the recommendation that we have before us.

#### **High Commissioner or Chief Adviser.**

We recommend that the High Commissioner or Governor-General of the northern territories should be the necessary State's chief adviser on important matters of policy affecting Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia. He would keep in touch with the affairs of the two Protectorates through the medium of the Colonial Office and a chairman of the Governors' conference which would have opportunities of personal discussion with the governors of the Central territories who would continue to attend that conference. We would also suggest that the Governor-General should pay occasional visits to those territories in an advisory capacity. We do not propose that he should be authorised to issue orders to the governors and in view of his close relationship with the Secretary of State this suggestion would naturally carry great weight and would probably be sufficient to ensure uniformity of Native policy between the two groups of territories and so obtaination of common services where this is required.

A rearrangement would be open to the objection that it would apply to only one section of the Central African territories with Southern Rhodesia, that it might hereafter be difficult to revise it, nor need it lead to the creation of new vested interests, which it might be difficult to disregard. At the same time the possibility of linking up with the south must definitely be kept in mind, at least as far as concerns the railway belt in Northern Rhodesia. It appears to us quite possible that this area should gravitate to the South African system. For this reason and also on general grounds it is desirable that closer contact and exchange of views should be maintained between the Governments of the Eastern and Central territories and the Government of Southern Rhodesia. The former have already much to learn from the latter, and it is most undesirable that any wide differences in Native policy should be allowed to grow up. Every opportunity should be taken for meetings between the Governor-General of Eastern Africa and the Governor and Ministers of Southern Rhodesia, and if the latter desired, to send a representative to be present at the meetings of the governors' conference we think it would be to the advantage of all concerned that the facility for liaison should be arranged.

#### **The Legislative Councils.**

Our proposals as regards Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia do not necessarily involve any change in the powers and composition of the Legislative Councils of these Protectorates. We have however to consider whether any such changes are desirable with a view to associating more closely the responsibilities and trusteeship of Government with the immigrant communities domiciled in the colonies and so as ultimately to secure more direct representation of Native interests. The Legislative Council of Nyasaland consists at present of twelve members, its president being ex officio member, and three nominated non-official members. The Legislative Council of Northern Rhodesia consists of fifteen members, its president being ex officio member, and five nominated official members. We regard it as undesirable to increase

stances to retain an initial majority in both Legislative Councils, but subject to this condition we should see no objection to a moderate increase in the nominal representation by nomination in the case of Nyasaland and by raising the number of elected members in Northern Rhodesia. We do not think that at this time it is wise in either Protectorate for the appointment of members sufficiently to represent Native interests in the Legislative Councils of these territories, as at the present time they are probably protected by the Government.

#### The Oral Policy.

As regards the progressive application of the oral policy in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, in our view these two territories should follow the same general principles of Native policy that we have formulated for the northern group. In accordance with this view we recommend that as soon as the High Commissioner for the northern territories has been appointed inquiries similar to those which he is to undertake in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika in the fields of land policy, Native production, Native labour, taxation, Native administration, and Native education should be set on foot in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia in consultation with him.

We have drawn attention to the importance of vigorous development of the institutions of local government both in the settlements and among the Natives in Eastern Africa and we have recommended that local self-government should be encouraged to the fullest extent. This recommendation should be taken to apply equally to Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia.

#### Native Administration.

In attempting to build up something in the nature of responsible Native administration and Native communities capable of supporting a responsibility of this kind, there is a particularly urgent necessity in Nyasaland where the events of the past have led to the complete destruction of the tribal system, and a lamentable absence of Native initiative and community Native organization. The experience which has been gained in Tanganyika in rebuilding Native administrations after the War would be of great value, and it might be advantageous that an experienced officer from that Territory should be sent for a period to Nyasaland to assist in the necessary inquiries.

## RATE REDUCTIONS ON THE RAILWAYS

**£16,000,000 a Year in Loss**

G. S. G. D. Rhodes, Acting General Manager of the Kenya and Uganda Railways and Harbours, recently reminded the East African public of the very considerable reductions in rates which have taken place since December, 1927, and specified the following:

(1) On December 1, 1927, the Administrator abolished the old Chinese Tariff, the then highest rate, and transferred the commodities into what was to Class 3 plus 10%. This represented an estimated annual sacrifice of £25,000.

(2) On the same date the rate on kerosene was reduced from Tariff 3 to Tariff 1 plus 10%, the reduction being estimated to represent a loss of £27,000.

(3) On April 1, 1928, a revised classification and scale of rates was introduced which involved an annual sacrifice of £6,000.

(4) On June 1, the rate on maize for local consumption was reduced from Class 8 to Class 6, and the maximum from Shs. 1/- to Sh. 1/- per 100 lb. The annual cost of this reduction was estimated at £5,000.

Other minor reductions have also taken place involving a loss to revenue of £5,000.

The total of the above amounts to about £740,000.

## INDIANS IN EAST AFRICA

Broad-Minded Approach to the Question.

Impressions of an Indian Visitor.

On several occasions recently Indian leaders in East Africa, and in Kenya especially, have indulged in most ill-judged expressions of opinion and have recommended the adoption by their followers of the policy euphemistically known as "co-operation." Such tactics obviously serve the cause of those who resort to them, for on the one hand they are interpreted as an indication of fitness for increased public responsibility and, on the other, they are based on resistance on the part of Government and settler spokesmen, who might in other circumstances have been quite disposed to be conciliatory. Responsibility must, of course, be laid chiefly at the doors of the leaders of Indian public opinion, who might profitably note the injunction of the *Sangha Kita* that they should always remain loyal to the Government and support the maintenance of law and order. The trouble has unquestionably been due largely to a refusal to face the actual facts and to wound the ego.

We have now to thank Mr. R. C. Suntook, of Messrs. H. M. Mehta and Company, one of the well-known Indian houses with large East African interests, for a very long, dispassionate, and lucid statement of the position as he sees it during his last three visits to Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, and Zanzibar. Parts of the article tend to be pleasurable to the European and parts will certainly not be pleasing to the Indian, and parts will certainly not be pleasing to our own fellow countrymen, but the writer must be credited with a sincere desire to hold the balance evenly. Pressure on space makes the following extracts will at least indicate his helpful attitude to the central problem.

#### Cut-Throat Competition.

Indians can be criticised in matters commercial and economic. The Indian in East Africa is a keen competitor in whatever line of business he may be, and differs from a European in that he neglects to maintain a decent standard of profit, which the latter does by eliminating his competition as much as possible. While an Indian would not pause for a moment to think how far he would undermine his own prospects by retarding into severe and disastrous competition, an European would not ensure the making of profits for himself before launching the dead-weight of another's competition. Competition in India is cut-throat, and in East Africa among Indians, the outstanding cause being their lack of keenness in maintaining a decent standard of living.

Cut-throat competition seems to be their principle of business with the result that none of the traders earns as much as he might do in a foreign country. The lack of sufficient earnings in turn rendering it impossible for any one of them to expand and establish his business on a large scale. In fact, it is this undesirable competition which has kept the Indian trader so much a petty trader despite his years of establishment in that country. Competition, as it is, is admittedly a desirable factor in the interests of the consuming public and more so as it leads to better efficiency and economy in business. But when carried to excess, it acts adversely upon the competitors themselves, undermining their own existence. It is true though it is the fact that the African Negro may have benefited incidentally by such competition, it will not be granted that the Indian trader has done no good to himself. The anything he has incurred in the way of the pressure puts him at a disadvantage in the field.

### How to Overcome Backlog.

If only he abstains from such cut-throat competition and aims at reserving a decent margin of profit, it is very certain that he would be able to develop his business on a wider basis than he ever has done hitherto. This would require unity and understanding between the merchants themselves and a determination to eliminate competition by the formation of commercial associations with the express purpose of maintaining a decent trade margin for the common good of all. Such a step, if taken, would considerably strengthen their position and at the same time obtain a good deal of trade business and dislodge them from their sister countries.

It will not be disputed in the whole that what the Indians have done for East Africa as traders and skilled workers has been no less than what the Europeans have done as factors of capital. What good the European settlers have done by bringing his social rate the country, the Indian settler has done by applying his industry and labour to the development of the country and in all fairness deserving of the same status and rights as the European settlers.

Continuous and vigorous propaganda in a direction of enlightening the East African governments as to the aspirations and desire of the Indian people is of potent necessity. How very necessary such propaganda can be gauged from the fact that only a few years ago when Mrs. Neidu paid a short visit to East Africa she did succeed in creating a very healthy impression upon all classes of people in her brilliant and commanding address before visits by persons of such calibre and position could go a long way in ameliorating the condition of the fellow-countrymen in East Africa. A peaceful and honourable mode of conducting and appealing would be much more effective and suggestive of good results than a mere denouncing of grievances.

### The Type of Indian in East Africa.

Speaking candidly the average type of Indian in East Africa is not so high an order and not so decent an education as to be able to sustain a good standard of living. Religion is so essential in a foreign country. The greater standard of education of the Indians is not sufficient as to make them feel the urgency of setting up a standard of living equal to that of the Europeans. Their lack of proper education keeps them so unmindful of such matters as health and hygiene that the houses they live in, the sanitation they observe and the food they eat, are not all that can be desired. The moral standard of living, too, is really is not so high as to make them proud of themselves. There is in wide contrast with the clean and methods of the Europeans, and on studies the Indians to a degree which leads to racial differences and discriminations. Once nothing humiliates and disgraces like caste, and the real sufferings of these Indians who suffers from the same are those Indians who do not know their place in life and shoulders above the ground. In respect of education and decency, it is a result of this prejudice, an Indian wife does not receive as warmly as a European wife.

There is a most wonderful number of Indians that are uneducated and ignorant of the ramifications attached to them. Every talk among us is to find them, with a smile of indifference, right to the why and wherefore of their troubles and to find the answer to the same. Most of them are such lethargic creatures that can be accused of course of their lack of intelligence, which is in turn

tends to perpetuate their ignorance about these humiliations. If East African Indians in general were to go deeper into the cause of their suffering they would find that the majority, if not all, of such causes spring from their own vicebacks which are quite within their own power to remedy if only they have the will and determination to do so. Once these causes are removed, the solution of the problem would only be a matter of mutual understanding between the two communities. It is up to the Indians themselves to see that they elevate their standard of life by adopting the necessary modern methods in the manner of living and adapting themselves to the new conditions of the new environment they come to live in. Only go-ahead principles will emancipate them from their present plight.

### Sportsmanship.

There is a great Englishness a peculiarly sporting instinct which finds expression in the variety of games they consistently play in whatever surroundings they may be, and also in the keen sense of appreciation they display for all those who exhibit sporting talents, no matter to what class, creed, or colour they belong. This instinct, not being equally developed amongst the Indians, the latter fail to produce that happy impression which they ought to produce in a foreign country. It keeps them not only in the background but renders remote the possibility of their living socially with the Europeans. Sport may, well, be recognised as the medium of friendship and a common ground for sociability between nations and nations. It begets friendship and goodwill and a proper understanding of each other's mentality amongst members of different nationalities, and if sport neglected, the advantages which arise therefrom are unfortunately lost.

The last point that deserves mention is an appeal to the average Indian in East Africa to cultivate his sense of national pride and dignity so essential in a foreign country, especially as he is now. He should act and live to assure himself in such a way as to win the same room and all its privileges to deprecate degradation in him as his sense being properly developed his desired privileges would be easily obtained. It may be noted that the Englishman has a great sense of appreciation for whatever is superior and dignified, and one thing which is easily noticeable in East Africa is that Indians of good status and education do receive the same respect and regard from the Europeans as they do in England or India.

### The Colour Factor not Responsible.

It is not necessarily the colour of the skin, it should be observed, which acts as the cause of the present prejudice, as in India once personally known as being possessed of a stamp of degradation is held in the same esteem and regard as any Englishman, or good status. If the colour factor would be considerably modified, therefore, if only the other qualities were developed. In fact, an Indian of advanced ideas very much likes all other Indians to be advanced likewise for he knows that there lies his own salvation. It is the better type of Indians in East Africa who really bears the pinch of several degradations, more than any is common to any who are more or less unconscious of the same.

Thirty-five farms are to be offered for sale by auction in Nairobi on March 22nd. Full particulars were recently published in the Kenyan Official Gazette.

## THE BRITISH IN TROPICAL AFRICA.

A Fine Cambridge Manual.

The University of Cambridge does not yet boast a Chair of Colonial History, but should she at last be established in the near future Mr. H. F. Evans, Fellow of St. John's College, should be a strong candidate for the professorship. His fine book, "The British in Tropical Africa" (Cambridge University Press, 12s. 6d.), modestly described by the author as "primarily intended to meet the more immediate needs of Colonial Service probationers at the two older Universities," is a scholarly summary of a phase of modern Imperial development, is instruct with regard to the understanding of the problems involved, and is characterised by sound judgment. Mr. Evans acknowledges his indebtedness to Lord Lugard, who read the book in manuscript and made many valuable suggestions, and it is permissible to believe that that great British Colonial administrator must have enjoyed reading a work so full of facts and so fair to the Service in which he spent the best years of his life.

Mr. Evans' treats his subject under four heads—an outline of African history, West Africa, East Africa, and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, adding a statistical summary and a bibliographical note. Sketch maps and diagrams are supplied, the maps being clear and up to date—that of East Africa, for instance, showing the very latest railway extensions.

In his outline the author stresses the isolation of Africa and the geographical reasons for that outstanding fact. "It has been its destiny," he writes, "to live behind the barrier of its coast; it is the most continental of all the continents," which is neatly put. He discusses the influence of Islam on East Africa and points out that for two centuries the Arabs of Mombasa and Zanzibar formed an effective barrier to European penetration along the East Coast. He recognises that slavery, and with it the slave trade, were indigenous to Africa and that the advent of the European merely made the confusion worse confounded; but he does full justice to the part Great Britain played in the suppression of slavery.

Mr. Evans's method is well exemplified in his two long chapters on Rhodesia. He gives a sympathetic picture of Lobengula and describes fairly the relations between the warlike Matabele and their slave subjects the Mashona, and his analysis of the impact on them of European civilisation is embodied in Cecil Rhodes and his followers is masterly. He is quick to recognise that the limiting factor in the development of Nyasaland and of Northern Rhodesia is the inadequacy of transport facilities. He states that the last recorded visit of a Chinese fleet to Zanzibar took place in 1430—a fact which is not generally known. He does not mince matters in exposing the bitter faction fights between the Christian sects in Uganda which provoked so much trouble in Mwanga's time; he sets out clearly but perfectly fairly the German intrigues which preceded the "Scramble" for Africa.

A fragment of the early history of Kenya will bear quotation:

"As early as 1902 the British Government offered land in the highlands on the Zliloti Organisation with a view to their settling among East Africa, a new national home for homeless, but nothing came of the proposal. In the same year, however, a Crown Lands Ordinance authorised the Commissioner to sell and lease land for European settle-

ment, and a publicity campaign in South Africa led to the arrival of a number of settlers in the following year. The encouragement of European farmers was thus part of the settled policy of the British Government, and the optimism with which this was regarded in official quarters is well illustrated by the considered opinion of the Commissions for the Protectorate: Sir Charles Eliot, 'East Africa,' he wrote, 'will probably become in a short time a white man's country in which native questions will present but little interest.'

"Native questions," (in Kenya) comments Mr. Evans, "far from presenting but little interest, are likely long to remain the dominant political issue."

Of German East Africa he has this to say:

"The opening up of the country was due in no small measure to the administrative and military ability of Dr. von Wissmann, who had a wide experience of African conditions. Unfortunately, however, the German officials for the most part came to their tasks without little knowledge of Native mentality. Colonial Government was an entirely new field for them. Moreover, questionable existences made their appearance amongst them and the Colonies were not infrequently regarded as a suitable dumping ground for men who for one reason or another found it difficult to live at home. A number of scandals ensued, even in high places, and the enthusiasm of the early eighties was soon succeeded by apathy and indifference."

Few who knew E.A. before the War will deny that that is a fair account of the German 'colonisation' and all will smile at the phrase "questionable existences." They have been otherwise, and far less politely, described:

"In the Sudan we read—

"Since 1898 the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan has been ruled by a Governor-General who is a virtual dictator. No acts relating to internal administration have been passed by the British Parliament, and such control as has existed has been exercised by the Foreign Office. Its legal status at International Law is as anomalous as is its constitutional position. The system has however, justified itself by its results. The devotion and ability of a small but carefully chosen élite of British administrators has reduced order out of chaos and has evolved a system of indirect rule which, together with its original prototype in Nigeria, may well come to rank as the greatest contribution of our race to the prosperity and well-being of the African continent."

Beyond a rather surprising and somewhat pathetic reliance on Professor Buell as an authority on African problems, little will be found with Mr. Evans's quotations, but one would like to know his grounds for asserting that the petty Sultans of the East Coast "traded in cloves and pepper and sent Negro slaves to the countries of the Persian Gulf" as early as the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. His spelling of Native names is accurate. "Zambezi" is an instance, but "Portus" and "Mashonias" tarnish the record.

Colonial Service probationers in the two older Universities may consider themselves fortunate to have so sound and reliable a manual for their study of British Colonisation. It is sound in substance, but above all in spirit, and the author may fairly hope that his prospective pupils will carry into their later life the lesson of the equal mind and the balanced judgment which this little book conveys.

Is "Gone Native" (Putnam, 7s. 6d.) Mr. A. C. G. Hastings follows the conventional formula for a novel of tropical African life—the lovely maiden with red-gold hair who visits her brother in the back of beyond, the evil villain, the hero who has "gone Native," but is restored to decency by the heroine, the noble savage, and the lascivious warmonger. The author evidently knows West Africa, but he has not given it more originality.

## HONOURS FOR EAST AFRICANS.

## Baronetcy for Fine Work in the Sudan.

THE New Year Honours List, which, owing to the illness of the King, was issued on March 1 instead of at the beginning of January, contains the names of the following East Africans, whom our readers will join with us in congratulating:

## Baronet.

ECKSTEIN, FRIEDRICH GUSTAV JONATHAN, Esq., Chairman of the Sudan Plantations Syndicate, for services to the Sudan.

## C.C.M.D.

WILSON, BRIGADIER GENERAL SIR SAMUEL HUBERT, K.C.B., C.M.G., K.B.E., Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

## C.M.G.

EDEN, CHARLES WILLIAM, Esq., lately Provincial Commissioner, Uganda Protectorate.

MAC GREGOR, RONALD MANNES, M.A., Irrigation Adviser to the Sudan Government.

STANTON, AMBROSE THOMAS, Esq., M.C., Chief Medical Advisor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

THOMAS, THOMAS BENJAMIN, M.I.C.E., Esq., O.B.E., Colonial Surveyor, Gold Coast.

## C.B.E.

NOEL, WILLIAM, Esq., Director of the Amman Research Institute, Tanganyika Territory.

## C.B.E. (Civil Division).

WILSON, ROBERT, Esq., O.B.E., later Director of Agriculture and Forests, Sudan Government.

## M.B.E.

AWA, FRITHJOF, Esq., Registrar General, Mombasa; WELL, ALFRED PARSONS, Esq., M.C., M.D., Resident Surgeon-Major, European Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya.

STEDMAN, HUGH JOHN HARRY, Esq., M.I.C.E., Director of Public Works, Zanzibar.

WADE, EUGENE LEWIS, Esq., Assistant Chief Secretary to the Government, Nyasaland Protectorate.

WALTER, JAMES, Esq., Chief Veterinary Research Officer, Kenya.

WATSON, WALTER MACLELLAN, Esq., formerly an Official Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Kenya.

## C.B.E. (Civil Division).

HUNT, GEORGE EDWARD, Esq., Municipal Engineer, Khartoum; and Lecturer in Engineering, Gordon College.

## M.B.E.

CARLSEN, MISS NORA MARIE, Nursing Sister, Medical Department, Nyasaland Protectorate.

FORSTNER, ARTHUR JOHN WARD, Esq., Agricultural Chemist, Nyasaland Protectorate.

MISCELLANEOUS: DALTON, JAMES, A.M.I.C.E., Assistant Director of Public Works, Nyasaland.

MURRAY, STEPHEN SAMUEL, Esq., Senior Assistant Secretary, Secretariat, Nyasaland Protectorate.

ORR, MRS. CRAKE, for charitable and public services in Kenya.

WILLIAMS, JOHN HAMMOND, Esq., A.M.I.C.E., Chief Computer and Examiner of Diagrams, Lands Survey Division, Department of Lands, Kenya.

WRIGHT, THE REV. CANON WILLIAM JOSEPH, M.A., of All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi, Kenya, for charitable service.

## M.B.E. (Civil Division).

JONES, JOHN ARCHIBALD BRISTOW, Esq., Assistant Electrical Engineer, Sudan Government Railways and Steamers.

KIMMOKO, WILFRIED, Esq., Superintendent of Police, Khartoum Province.

WILLIAMS, CHARLES WODEHOUSE, Esq., Gordon College, Khartoum.

WINTLE, ROBERT, Esq., Chief Clerk, Khartoum Province.

## The King's Police Medal.

AIN HABIB, PATRICK RICE, Supt., Kenya Police.

CAPTAIN PERCY REDDISH, WARDROPER, M.B.E., Commissioner of Police, Northern Rhodesia.

## BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL.

## (Military Division)

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE—Bash Shawish (Co. Sgt.-Maj.) HASAN MOHAMMED, Eastern Arab Corps, Sudan Defence Force; Bash Shawish (Co. Sgt.-Maj.) MOHAMMED MEDANI, Western Arab Corps, Sudan Defence Force.

## (Civil Division)

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICES—MOHAMMED ELM, Interpreter-Servant, British Legation, Addis Ababa; KALAM SAKIT, No. 335 Sergeant, Upper Nile Province Police; ALMAS ZEMIA, No. 971 Policeman, Upper Nile Province Police; MOHAMMED AWAD, names Reis, Sudan Government Railways and Steamers; ALI MOHAMMED SHERIE, Dispenser, Sudan Medical Service; MOHAMMED EL BASHIR, Bash Shawish (Co. Sgt.-Maj.), Sudan Veterinary Police; MUSSA-E-SIROU, Chargeman, Sudan Government Railways and Steamers; SALEH BIN ALI EL SHEIBANI, Interpreter Grade I, British Residency, Zanzibar; SAMILLEH AHMED, No. 306 Shawish (Sgt.), Upper Nile Province Police.

Sir Friedrich Eckstein, upon whom a baronetcy has been conferred, was for many years the heart and soul of the Sudan Plantations Syndicate, the company mainly instrumental in establishing the present cotton industry in the Sudan. Without his foresighted enthusiasm, courage in the face of obstacles, and his unfailing faith in the Sudan, the great Gezira scheme would have remained a dream. When the Syndicate started in 1902 it had a private concern with a capital of £80,000; they cultivated a few hundred acres of cotton in Zebab; now their acreage is near the 300,000 mark, and 50,000 people are engaged as working partners, all earning a substantial livelihood. The Gezira scheme, in which the Sudan Government, the Syndicate and the natives work in partnership, has been a wonderful success, and Sir Friedrich's share in it has been duly recognised.

Brigadier-General Sir SAMUEL H. WILSON, who receives the honour of the G.C.B.C., fought in the South African War, gaining the Queen's medal with two clasps, and in the Great War was mentioned in despatches seven times, made C.B., and decorated by the French and Belgian Governments. He was Governor of Jamaica in 1922-25, before being appointed Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies in the latter year. His genial presence is always welcomed at East African gatherings in London.

Mr. Charles William Guy Eden, who has received the C.M.G., began his career in the Colonial Audit Department in 1894. In 1901 he was appointed

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Assistant Treasurer of Uganda served as Assistant Collector from 1903 to 1904, and as Collector until 1912, when he was promoted Provincial Comptroller.

Dr. A. T. Stanton, Chief Medical Adviser to the Colonial Office, one of the few C.M.G.s, was born in 1875 and received his medical education at the University of Toronto, where he graduated as M.D. After serving with the London School of Tropical Medicine from 1903 to 1907, he went to the Federated Malay States in 1908 as bacteriologist to the Institute for Medical Research. In 1915 he was on special duty in Siam, Indo-China, and the Dutch East Indies, and was Director of the Government Laboratories in the F.M.S., before being appointed to his present post in 1920.

Mr. S. W. Thomas, whose C.M.G. will please East Africa as much as West Africa, began his Colonial service as an Assistant District Commissioner in Kenya in 1909 and had become Clerk to the Executive and Legislative Councils when he was transferred to Uganda as Assistant Chief Secretary in January, 1916. In the following year he acted for several weeks as the Governor's deputy, and early in 1921 went to Nigeria as Principal Assistant Secretary. He has always been a hard worker, has enjoyed the confidence of the responsible communities, and has been popular socially.

Mr. William Nowell, C.B.E., who holds the diploma of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, entered the Colonial Service in Barbados, where he held the post of Mycologist and Lecturer in the Imperial Department of Agriculture. After a period of steady work in that island he was transferred to Trinidad as Assistant Director of Agriculture and Plant Pathologist. On November 1, 1920, he was appointed Director of Agriculture in British Guiana, but no sooner had he taken over his new duties than the Secretary of State transferred him to Amman as Director of the resuscitated Research Institute. Mr. Nowell's honour has been thoroughly deserved by his good work in the West Indies, and will confer dignity on his new and difficult post in Tanganyika Territory.

Dr. N. P. Jewell, who won the M.C. in 1917 and received his medical education at Dublin University, was a medical officer in the Seychelles from 1910 to 1915, then being transferred to Kenya. By 1921 he had become a Senior Medical Officer of the Colony, and since 1925 he has done excellent work as surgical specialist to the Nairobi European Hospital.

Mr. H. J. H. Stedman, M.I.C.E., who receives the C.B.E., joined the Kenya P.W.D. in 1905, and after being in charge of the Thika railway survey and construction, was appointed Director of Public Works, Zanzibar, in 1925. He fought with the 3rd K.A.R. through the East African Campaign, and holds the 1914-15 Star, and the British War and the Victory medals.

Mr. C. H. Wade, B.A., who after graduating at Oxford, entered the Nyasaland service in 1911 as a

Third Grade Resident, became first Assistant Secretary to Native Affairs in 1921 and now holds the post of Assistant Chief Secretary. He is an official examiner in the Chinyanja language. His O.B.E. will be popular.

Few of the honours will have been generally welcomed as the O.B.E. conferred upon Mr. D. MacLellan Wilson, who knows Kenya from three different standpoints. He came to the Colony in 1895 as a helper in the African Inland Mission, became a Government servant twelve months later, but resigned and adopted the life of a settler in 1902. For long time he was one of the unofficial members of the Legislative and Executive Councils of Kenya, to whose service he has given a great deal of his time and talent. His friends are legion, because he can have none.

Of those honoured with the M.B.E. Miss Nora Clement, Senior Nursing Sister in Nyasaland, has served as that Protectorate for the last nine years; Mr. A. J. W. Horrby, Government Agricultural Chemist, Nyasaland, has done notable work on tobacco; Mr. J. D. Miller, M.I.C.E., who first went to Uganda as an engineering assistant in 1902, was promoted Assistant Director of Public Works, Nyasaland, in 1920; Mr. S. S. Murray, Senior Assistant Secretary, who has served in Nyasaland since 1912, was Acting Paymaster of the 1st K.A.R. during the War, wrote the "Handbook of Nyasaland," 1922, and edited the excellent report of the last Nyasaland census; Mrs. Grace Orri wins a well-deserved decoration for her charitable and public services in Kenya; Mr. J. H. Williams, M.I.C.E., Chief Computer and Examiner of Diagrams in the Lands Division, Kenya, has spent twenty years in the service; while Canon W. L. M'Intyre, of All-Saints Cathedral, Nairobi, is one of the best-known missionary figures in Kenya, in which he possesses the marked confidence of Government, settlers, and natives. A graduate of Oxford University, he first went to East Africa in 1900, having previously been Curate of All Saints, Lambeth, and Vicar of Christ Church, High Wycombe.

Captain H. P. Rice, awarded the King's Police Medals, served in the South African Constabulary from 1906 to 1915, and with the K.A.R. in 1916 and 1917. He was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Police in Kenya Colony in November 1919, and promoted Superintendent in 1926.

## THE PRINCE AND EAST AFRICANS

His Royal Highness to attend East Africa Dinner.

"East Africa" is authorised to state that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has graciously signified his intention of attending this year's East Africa Dinner, which will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Thursday, June 27. The Dinner is held annually towards the end of June in order to permit of the attendance of as large a number as possible of visiting East Africans.

## THE GIFT OF AN AEROPLANE

East Africa last week received a gift from Charles Wakefield, B.A., who has promised to donate a light aeroplane to the Aero Club of East Africa.

## THE REAL VALUE OF AMANI.

No Need for Exaggeration.

To the Editor of "East Africa".

SIR,  
I am glad to see that Sir Donald Cameron found occasion to refer to the exaggerated value which many ill-informed persons have placed on the Amari Institute. You yourself have several times pleaded for a more sensible estimate, basing your plea on your own first-hand knowledge of what the Germans themselves thought.

When I visited Amari in 1920 and spent some days with the then Director, Mr. Alleyne-Leechman, who was at the time busily engaged in repairing the damage the War had done to the place, he told me he had put in an urgent request to the Government to take over the *Perseverance* Estate, which adjoined Amari, on the ground that the *Cinchona* cultivation could be extended. He had also in mind rice experiments in the valley of the Kwamkuyu, which he considered admirable for the purpose. He was then engaged in reading the volumes of *Der Pfanzner* and pointed out to me the many weak points and some times absurd statements in the article therein. To me it appeared that Amari itself was too limited in area and too peculiar in situation—being almost entirely steep mountain country—to be used for experimental cultivations.

No doubt the inclusion of the Kwamkuyu Estate in the new Amari is a great improvement, as Mr. Nowell believes, but as I gather that the lowland portion of Kwamkuyu, where sisal used to be grown, has been otherwise disposed of, Amari will find it hard even now to plot trials of any use to low-country planters. Mr. Nowell has a hard row to hoe; do not let us make things harder for him by uttiring false ideas of what the Germans did at Amari or thought of it.

Yours faithfully,

EASTBOURNE.

COMMISSIONER.

Sir Donald Cameron's warning is a timely corrective to the stupidly exaggerated statements which were made in London, in and out of season, especially by one particular individual who solely depended on his information to suggest that he knew all there is to know about the Institute, and gained the ear of more responsible persons who accepted his panegyrics at their face value.—Yours, &c.

## CAPT. GUEST'S FLIGHT TO THE SUDAN.

Why Subsidise non-British Machines?

To the Editor of "East Africa".

SIR,  
May I direct your notice to the very important point in connection with the proposal of the Government to subsidise National Flying Services, Ltd.

That company has been founded by Captain the Rt. Hon. E. E. Guest, M.P., who, as you reported recently, left England with the object of flying to East Africa, but discontinued his flight in the Sudan owing to the breaking of the propeller of one of his two machines. The man in the street believes that that flight was made solely by a British "Moth" machine, whereas a non-British Junker aeroplane was also used.

If the British taxpayer is to subsidise the activities of Captain Guest's company, it should surely be a condition that nothing but British aircraft are used, and I hope that some member of Parliament will press this point of view. That the Chairman of the company which now seeks the support of public money should have chosen a non-British aeroplane for his African flight is disappointing. It would be interesting to have an explanation.

Yours faithfully,

"AN EX-FRIEDRICH CAMPAIGNER" CAPTAIN GUEST,  
London, W.C.

## EAST AFRICA AND EARL HAIG'S FUND.

Splendid Response of the Dependencies.

To the Editor of "East Africa".

I shall be grateful if you will kindly publish the Happy Day Report for 1928 for Kenya, Uganda, Zanzibar, and Seychelles, which is now complete.

Kenya Colony	1,481	0	0
Uganda, per Lady Grinling	489	0	8
Zanzibar, per Mrs. Crofton	273	12	10
Seychelles, per Mrs. Hawley	14		
	£2,744	12	8
Less Bank charges			
Remitted to London	£2,744	11	21

## RELIEF FUND.

Amount received by the East Africa Women's League from the Earl Haig Relief Committee and administered by the E.A.W.L. Council during 1928 £125. 0. 0  
(Two applications for relief are being dealt with.)

Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH E. FITZGERALD,

Acting President.

ELsie M. MACHIN,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer  
EAST AFRICA WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
Memorial Hall, Nairobi.

## THE CRY OF A SNAKE.

Reader's Inquiry.

To the Editor of "East Africa".

SIR,  
I have read with interest the number of theories put forward by your readers regarding the crowing crested cobras.

Would one of them inform me of the identity of the African reptile, occasionally heard at night whose cry is a long drawn-out note between a wail and a whistle, something like this: "Oho... oho... repeated for hours? I heard it once in Benin, Nigeria, and was informed by the boys that it was a lizard. On another occasion, during clearing work on a rubber estate, a large lizard was dug out of an ant-hill and killed by the labourers. On inquiry I was told that this was the lizard that cried at night and the bite of which was poisonous. In appearance it was like an enlarged specimen of the Indian black-marmot lizard, about a foot and a half long and two and a half inches broad, beautifully marked above, the colours being chocolate, ochre, and vermillion, the underparts dirty white. I have heard it on the Gold Coast and once in Tanganyika.

Yours faithfully,

TASUWA,

TANGANYIKA.

Since writing the above I have read Mr. Maxwell's article. Perhaps the note uttered may be that of a puff adder.

## AN EAST AFRICAN ENCYCLOPEDIA.

To the Editor of "East Africa".

SIR,  
I avail myself of this opportunity to say how much I was impressed with your book recently published under the title of "Eastern Africa Today." To my mind it is the standard work on East Africa, and I use it as an encyclopaedia on the subject.

Yours faithfully,

London, F.C.

M. P. TAYLOR.

March 7, 1929.

# EAST AFRICA

## SOME TRIALS OF LOCAL AGENTS.

More Support for British Manufacturers Needed.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

British manufacturers seem in almost every case to visualise East Africa as a territory which can be got over and dealt with as we do in the Home-land. If they would only take a line-sized map and run a scale ruler over it, they would soon realise how ridiculous their ideas are. They would also see that many places which must be visited are not on the coast and can be reached only by air.

Apart from the initial cost, it is generally reckoned that to run a car costs about 1s. 6d. per mile for petrol, oil, tyres, wear and tear, etc., to which must be added the traveller's salary and hotel expenses. And an agent will sometimes do as much as 6,000 miles by car on one journey! Yet many British manufacturers offer a bare 5% commission and refuse allowance of any sort.

"Americans", on the other hand, usually help their resident agents by sending a man out direct from the factory. There is no question of travelling and entertainment costs; they are often accompanied by their wives (who are of very great assistance to their husbands), they put up at the best hotels, and become temporary members of the local clubs. As their principals are prepared to pay for them to get round the country, they get much business which we should obtain if only our British principals would support us more generously.

Yours faithfully,

Nairobi

A MANUFACTURERS' AGENT.

## WEIRD ANIMAL CRIES.

Harmless Animals make the Worst Noises.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

SIR:

Most of the accounts I read of the "Nandi bear" dwell upon the weird or terrifying cry the mysterious beast is alleged to make. May I point out that this is most misleading? My experience is that really appalling noises in the bush or jungle are made by quite harmless animals or even birds.

I need quote only the "death bird" of Guyana, which to anyone sitting up even after the early hours when nerves are at "stretch" is positively demoralising. Also, the suddenly screams at close quarters and the so-called "howling baboon" of the south American forests, which makes more noise for its size than any living thing. But it is not the volume of sound though it can be heard for miles. What the character of either is so terrible. It combines the roar of the lion with the laugh of the hyena, and adds a blood curdling shriek well like that of a lost soul. Yet the monkey, or the howler baboon, of which there is only about three feet high and quite harmless. The "old man" utters his fiendish howl at sunset, and about 2 a.m. and at dawn just to keep the troop together, and its members from other inhabitants of the forest in particular. I have never heard of his making the noisy attack or attack. I have often wondered at the courage of many Europeans and Americans in venturing into the south American forest after hearing the "shriek". The "wolve" however, is indeed, what I call a truly severely unpleasant animal - Yours faithfully,

London, W.8.

## SIR PHILIP RICHARDSON'S APPOINTMENT

The Question of Personal Selection.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

As a close student of the territories, and in entire agreement with your views expressed in the letter in last week's issue, I am sorry to say that appointment of Sir Philip Richardson as a member of the Joint East African Board is a position in the territories which is humiliating, and may perhaps not be the rightest to occupy. We are critical of the Council of the Board, but I do not think on those of us temporarily on this side I would endorse the feelings expressed by your correspondent.

If the Board's influence among East Africans is to increase more and more care should be exercised to ensure that its executive council is composed of men who have had actual practical experience in or at least many years of business acquaintance with one of the East African territories. Indeed, such a qualification should be a sine qua non, for how else can each member of the Council be safely expected to give an authoritative opinion on whether certain proposals of actions are for the good of the territories? To my mind, what we need on this side is more and more East Africans to take office. Nothing could be worse for the Board than the appointment to its Council of men from East Africans who do not recognise as entitled to speak for them. The statement of your correspondent that not 10% of the subscribers to the Board have had, favoured the appointment of a man who has visited East Africa only once as a tourist, and who can have but the slightest knowledge of its real problems, seems to me to be undeniably true. I too find myself wondering whether, to use the same words, "the Board wants knowledge or decorative titles at its monthly Council meetings."

Sir Philip Richardson, I have no doubt, has at heart the best interests of East Africa. But that is not enough to justify his nomination. What East Africans want and need in London are representatives who, by their long personal association with the territories, can view all important East African questions from the angle of the East African.

It is fortunate that we have in this country a newspaper such as *East Africa*, for not only do I look to it each week for my East African news, but I know you are keen to allow East Africans to use your columns for the expression of their views, no matter whether their position be high or low, or whether such views be in agreement or disagreement with our editorial policy.

Yours faithfully,

Philip Bacchus

We are very glad to be able to report that, according to a telegram received from Nairobi by Messrs. Froud, Gillian & Co. Ltd., picquets have disappeared from the coffee-growing areas of the Colony, and that the damage to trees has been infinitesimal. From another source we hear that about one-third of the losses have been absorbed by several districts and that the rest are returning northwards.

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## PERSONALIA

Sir and Lady Hartenot are visiting the Sudan.

Henry Sturannah is suffering from a severe attack of laryngitis.

Mr. John and Lady Norton-Griffiths are visiting Egypt and the Sudan.

Mr. H. E. Lambert has been appointed District Commissioner at Lamu.

Lord Remond has been appointed a director of the Rhodesia Railways Trust.

Major G. Baynes is expected to arrive in the country shortly from Nanyuki.

Mr. B. I. Shingler, Assistant District Officer, Uganda, is now stationed at Arusha.

Miss F. M. Plant, matron of the Dar es Salaam Hospital, is on her way back to Tanganyika.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. S. Grant and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Grant are on their long-bound for Tanganyika.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Johnstone and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Robinson are on the water for Zanzibar.

Mr. G. H. Osborne, of the Kenya service, has been appointed a first grade Senior Commissioner.

Mr. G. R. Whitlam, Assistant District Officer at Mpwapwa, is on leave from Tanganyika.

Captain A. C. Willmott, O.B.E., Deputy Director of Public Works, has returned to England from leave.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Davis are expected to return to England from South Africa by the East Coast route.

Countess Buxton, who underwent a successful operation for appendicitis last week, is making good progress.

Sir Henry and Lady Fairholme arrived back in London from East Africa at the beginning of the week.

Mr. T. S. Davison, who is engaged in certain business, may leave England last week to return to Tanganyika.

The name of Sir Montague Bateman, who accompanied His Excellency the Governor of Rhodesia on his recent

The Rev. H. Borrowman, who expects to arrive on leave shortly from Nyasaland, is a member of the Blantyre Town Council.

The Mombasa Chamber of Commerce is to be congratulated on having induced Mr. Clark to accept the presidency.

Lieutenant Col. Hopkins, M.V.B.S., has resumed his duties at Adele Camp, to the Governor of Southern Rhodesia, on his return from leave.

Lieutenant F. G. Crozier recently arrived in Tanganyika on first appointment to the 2nd King's African Rifles and is now stationed at Tabara.

We regret to have to announce the death on February 25, at the age of fifty-five, of Mr. Angus Fraser, a practising solicitor of London and Nairobi.

Sir Robert and Lady Williams have returned to London from Park House, Deeside, where they stayed for the opening of the salmon-fishing season.

Lord Delamere's resignation of his seat on the Kenya Legislative Council has been accepted by Riff Valley constituents, and the election is imminent.

Colonel G. L. E. Easton, M.C., D.S.O., M.M., was married last week in Mombasa to Miss Gwen Proper, only daughter of Mr. T. F. Proper of Lammas, St. Peter's, near Carmarthen.

Mr. W. S. Yates, recently stationed at Mbeya, has been transferred to Janga as a Cadet in the Provincial Administration, and has left C. North of Amba from Janga to Dar es Salaam.

Mr. Peter P. Chander, of the Education Department, Tanganyika, was recently married at the St. John's Chapel to Eileen Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilmer Harris of Wood Hatch, Oxford.

Sir Edward Hilton Young addressed a private meeting of the committee of the Empire Parliamentary Association last week on the Closely Union report. Mr. Eugene Ramser, M.P., was in the chair.

Among officials of the Nyasaland administration absent on leave are Lieutenant Colonel E. L. B. Anderson and Miss J. F. T. P. Houghton, G. H. Boulderson, P. V. Harris, and S. H. La Fontaine.

We report with great regret the death of Mr. Col. Agar-Hutton, one of the best and best-liked men in Nyasaland, who was accidentally shot near Zomba while out lion-hunting with four other Europeans.

The most prominent members of the Northern Municipal Board are Messrs. W. Allen, H. B. Barber, W. A. Cain, W. Jenkins, Frederick Karamba, M. J. Kipkemboi, Mr. D. Thakray, Dr. S. S. Khan and Mr. J. S. Macdonald.

Colonel C. A. Cameron, Governor of Tanganyika, who left London on Wednesday morning with Lady Cameron, will call in order to leave the Llanafford Castle estate received by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on Friday afternoon last.

Colonel and Mrs. H. Brassey Edwards, M.A., Lt.-Col. George M. and Mrs. J. W. Francis, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. T. W. M. Mrs. Langtry and Mr. D. Sonnenfeld, M.C., G. B. W. are among those out-of-town guests at Mombasa, where the Diamond Jubilee Conference is being held.

Mr. F. W. Luard has resigned his appointment as Secretary of the Royal Engineers, but has been appointed to a post until a successor has been appointed. It is stated Mr. George has declined to withdraw from the affairs of the Society since 1902.

Mr. J. E. S. Merrick has been gazetted Acting Colonial Secretary of Kenya, in which Colony he is known as one of the most energetic and resourceful secretaries of office. He was transferred to Kenya from Uganda about the time of the outbreak of war.

Lord Lugard was prevented by illness from presiding on Wednesday at the opening session of the Conference on Forced Labour organised by the League of Nations, but his place having been taken by Lord Buxton. A report of the Conference will appear in our next issue.

Amongst those with East African interests received by the Prince of Wales at last week's State Luncheon were Sir Samuel Wilson, Sir John Thomas Allen, M.P., Mr. C. W. Guy Eden, Sir Clement Bradley, Captain Sir Thomas Roberts, Brigadier-General Sir Thomas African Rifles, and Sir Thomas Tomkinson.

Canon Palmer, who first went to Zanzibar in 1893, has left for Haïsong, where he will take up his former work of lecturer at the Theological College. Being both a priest and a fully qualified medical man, he is obviously a great asset to any station to which he is attached, says the news supplement to the *Official Gazette* of Zanzibar.

Mrs F. G. Collins, well known in planting and breeding circles in Nyasaland and British East Africa, Tuesday by the U.S. "City of New York" for the Cape en route for Blantyre. His wife has been rather a busman's holiday, but he has the satisfaction of returning with the knowledge that the A. J. Storey establishment at the British Industries Fair more than justified itself.

The marriage ceremony between Dr. Arthur J. Beast, East African Medical Service, second son of Dr. W. G. Beast, Surgeon General, Royal British Medical Service, and Miss Boase, Georgina, daughter of Mr. Charles Griffin, K.C., and Justice of Uganda, and Lady Griffin, Entebbe, took place with the usual in April in Uganda.

The Rev. G. F. George, of the Universities Mission to Central Africa, has been appointed Archdeacon of Nyasa and Canon of Lichoma Cathedral. He joined the Mission in 1899 as a layman and was the rector of the Cathedral at Lichoma. In 1916 he was ordained deacon at St. Saviour's, Ealing, with which his family has long been connected. Since 1922 he has been priest-in-charge of Lichoma.

Mr. C. B. Kingston, consulting engineer at Broken Hill to the Anglo-American Corporation, who is believed to have decided to leave the Protectorate next year, is a Canadian, who after leaving McGill University, spent several years in Canada, the U.S.A. and Australia before going to South Africa in 1905. For the last two or three years he has been the chief technical adviser of the Anglo-American Corporation in Northern Rhodesia.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. Thompson, who has been appointed to command the First (Rifle) Battalion of the Monmouthshire Regiment (T.A.), joined the King's African Rifles in East Africa early in March, 1917, and served throughout the rest of the Campaign, becoming Acting Staff Captain on the Headquarters Staff at Nairobi. A keen sportsman, Colonel Thompson played as a wing three-quarter for the Newport Rugby team between 1919 and 1921. He is a chartered accountant by profession.

Mr. Isaac Mawson Brush, who died suddenly last week while playing golf on the Royal Wimbledon course, was Chairman of the Beira Banking Company Ltd., the Beira Engineering Company Ltd., and the Dekoag-Bay Agency Company Ltd., and prior to his retirement from active business was Secretary of the African Lands and Hotels Ltd., and of the African Boating Company Ltd. Mr. Brush, who was several years of age before he took an interest in local affairs, was a trustee of the Peace Fund and an inveterate golfer.

Congratulations to Mr. W. T. Tyson on his election as president of the Nairobi Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year, in succession to Mr. A. C. Cannanill. Mr. Tyson is one of the most energetic and enterprising business men in the Colony who, despite the many calls on his time, takes a great interest in public work. He has served on the Executive and Legislative Councils of the Kenya Advisory Council, as president of the Association of East African Chambers of Commerce, and on the Nairobi Municipal Council. While here recently he came to leave he negotiated the formation of the Kenya Transport Commission and the Kenya Water Commission.

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*East Africa in the Press.*

## DOMESTICATING THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT.

We have referred on several occasions to the possible domestication of the African elephant, on which subject Lieutenant-Colonel G. E. Hawkes recently wrote in *The Times*:

The African elephant, owing to the ivory value of its incisor tusks, which are huge in both sexes, in contradistinction to those of its Asian relative whose males have small tusks and whose females practically none, has been domesticated through the centuries by wholesale slaving, and is therefore "its potentialities as a beast of burden and riding animal for domestic purposes have indeed been tested, at least in modern times." That their preservation by elephants in game reserves under State control in British East, Central and South Africa raises the question whether extinction is not imminent in the domesticated species. African elephant in commercial purposes, thus, has no立足地. The beast is exclusively very tame and in Burma and India is found to pay well for its keep, and the example of Lumbo and the very few other African elephants used at the Zoo has proved that *Elephas canicus* can be trained to be as docile and workable as *P. indicus*. Incidentally, the problem as to whether the elephants used at Carthago and Pompeii in the time of the Romans and Carthaginians in the time of Massinissa were African or Asiatic I find cannot still be solved.

## THE NANDI BEAT AGAIN.

In the course of an article in *The Hide World Magazine* Captain W. J. Neches states:

"The cry of the chomosha of Koit in Nandi is demagogic and disingenuous. Blood-curdling fear, as we know it, can personally testify that he has shared the experience of many hunters in Asia and Nandi in having his camp raided by this uncanny monster, who attacks with the swiftness and ferocity of a hunger-maddened fiend, and disappears under cover of the darkest nights. That the Nandi lion, the spear, shield and followed by many hunting dogs, white and black, seems to accord some proof that its tracks are round and deep, with long toe-nails, marks are different from the imprint of lion's claws."

The chomosha will burrow his way beneath thick *zarebas* of thornish which the Natives build around their kraals to protect them from the attacks of wild beasts. Lions, leopards, and dormice always have a root or dislike to crawl through six or more feet of dense thorn which penetrates their pads and muzzle and tears their pelts, but the chomosha burrows through thorn like a mole through sifted leaves! He has, too, an unpleasant habit of lurking in bushes and reaching down his mighty paws to tear the scalp or twist the head off some native, Native passing underneath. It has often been known to scratch a way through the mud and wattle walls of huts, and it can bite with such violence as to wrench apart the jaws of an iron trap and leave deep toothmarks in the meat.

The heart may," he concludes, "be a big hyena, but it is also a fact that the chomosha is something huge and horrid; and one of the most terrible authorities on African big game, Mr. Herbert Lang, believes that this abominable monster, now a legend of the forest, goes on chimpzee lurking in the Nandi forests, awaiting discovery and a violent death."

## FROM THE POLITICAL STANDPOINT.

A. J. H. T. (Continued from page 1 and 'Pins')

The Agip oil company, which has been granted a concession to explore for oil in Uganda on another occasion, did some very interesting things. It is reported to have bought up the entire population of the European plantations. It certainly seems unusual to raise the people up to a certain level without at the same time sending them down again to the same near poverty. The Agip oil company is owned by the young men of the world, the oil companies bad from a moral and family point of view. This condition ought to be able to see that the oil companies are small and perhaps even as small as possible. It is a scandalous policy.

Of course we have not been without our educational inspection. A Mr. Hale from London came this morning. We had a gathering of chiefs and school children and a speech on November 11, to remember Armistice Day. There was the singing of the national anthem and then it was raised again to flutter in the breeze and "God Save the King" was sung and we all joined in. I said that we were to look forward to the bright future etc. etc. I tried to explain that there was difficulty to talk about loyalty when we were asked to do so for no reason that is still apparent to the Natives.

The Lady Governor went appears impressed with his official visit.

Another correspondent of the same journal writing from Matobo says:

"It is inevitable that where 'different' missions work in close proximity there must be areas of overlapping here and there. But the past quarter has seemed to be specially marked by open and blatant poaching. The competitive system in commerce certainly keeps trade alive and brings down prices. People will go to the market to the cheapest market. It would appear that the things sold in some of our brethren's markets introduce us to the cheap market, and offer all and sundry a cheap market, there by attracting the crowds. To witness lads who, some fourteen years ago, were making catechisms and afterwards lapsed into forbidden beaten customs preferred to remain outside the fold rather than remain and come back to fulfil their period of two years instruction."

"In August of this year they found the cheap market they wanted were carried off by transmission army; and after a period of two weeks' instruction only were admitted to the full benefits of the sacramental system of Holy Communion. This form of public charity certainly made their fellow villagers sit up and take notice; and a report came in to all the hearers and catechumens of the village were thinking of following suit. Two weeks of teaching being much more attractive than two weeks' years, at least under our system. They were all called together and told that they were at liberty to choose with which mission they would throat in their lot, but never as we were concerned our period of instruction might possibly be made longer, but certainly not shorter. They were given time to think about it before they made a definite answer, and they eventually decided to leave their first Jones. Two good souls, however, pleased to come to class for some time and then, growing out of general soundness, left the church and have now returned to class again with great regularity."

Congratulations to our contemporary *The Nyasa Land Times* on entering its second year of publication.

## TRADE CONFIDENCE IN EAST AFRICA

The editor of *The British and South African Export Gazette* says in its latest issue:

"As for Rhodesia and East Africa, both will support the confidence in the stability of the trade situation in each by advances in foreign imports during 1920. Will show an increase over those of 1918. The building trades in Southern Rhodesia appear to be in better condition than at any time, and decisive steps are being taken to cope with the tobacco situation, while still though in Kenya Colony the yield from the coffee and tea crops will be less than usual, there is a general air of optimism which business men gather together in Nairobi and Mombasa, and Nairobi houses have been buying heavily during the past few weeks. Of course, the graviness of the King's affecting South and East African trade, just as it is casting shadows over Great Britain, and until certainty is gained in some measure at least there will be some natural hesitancy. But on the whole, there has dawned an exceptionally favourable circumstance in South and East Africa, and, while I neither do nor wish for a return to the unhealthy boom conditions of 1920, if my firm opinion has any weight with prominent London ships who have their fingers on the pulse of Union and on reports from my own resident correspondents in all quarters, that the wish of a prosperous New Year may prove far more than a mere customary sentiment."

## RESPONSIBILITY NOT UNDERSTOOD

From an Abyssinian correspondent in the *New Post*:

"The result of the coronation of S.M. King Tafari and the consequent strengthening of his hands have yet to be seen, as far as far as one can judge, the position is practically the same as before. It is still difficult to find any one person who can deal with any given matter. The King is still too true to himself to reorganise his Secretariat of Foreign Affairs and now refuses to respond to any matter, even as his former practice was. This would at first sight appear to be a step in the right direction, indicating a evolution of authority which becomes more and more necessary as the affairs of the country become more complicated. Unfortunately, however, the idea of responsibility is not yet understood in Abyssinia and the practical result of the insistence on every matter passing through the hands of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs is that it is more difficult than ever to arrive at any result. It must be noted that the Secretary is not in the least free to take a decision on any matter, however important. Every decision must still be taken by the King, and by him alone (with references in some cases to the Emperor). The Foreign Secretary naturally finds it difficult to obtain the decision of the King on each and every subject submitted to him by the numerous legations with the result that he is forced to lie expeditiously and give evasive answers (which policies is fully in order to gain time). Then, too, it must be borne in mind that the same rule applies with the Secretaries of the other ministries. The action of the clerks is simply that of agents of the masters. No one of them, not even the most simple matter without the permission of the Foreign Secretary himself. Hence one can conceive that there is considerable delay in the execution of the orders of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs which lead to that of the Foreign

## SOME DANGERS OF IRRIGATION

In the January number of *The Empire Cotton-growing Review*, Sir John Russell, the Director of the famous Rothamsted Experimental Station, has drawn attention to some of the difficulties involved in irrigation as an agricultural method.

It is well known, he writes, that irrigation may cause considerable soil deterioration, particularly from the leaching out of the salts of sodium, which may become gradually more abundant in practice. The soil chemistry, the old book of explanation, offers certain very comprehensive information of the nature of clay soils, which, providing much more helpful. The sodium chloride in the soil, the salt example, composed of which the basic part is mainly calcium, and the clay is mainly aluminum, sodium clay can indeed be liberated a calcium salt. Under irrigation conditions the calcium may be displaced by sodium, leaving a sodium clay also, generally of a more saline character, suited to the salt, or not amenable to the same, or to any known "treatment". The conditions determining the formation of the sodium clay, its properties, and its reaction to water and to salts, are being studied in the laboratory in order to give full information to the man who is trying to solve the field problem. Further difficulties arise from salts usually present in any dry area where irrigation is desirable; they act on the plants directly and indirectly through their effects on the soil, influencing the growth, its reaction to parasitic organisms and diseases, and so on.

## BOY'S IMPRESSIONS OF KENYA

*The National Review* has published extracts from letters written by a boy visitor to Kenya, who thus describes an attempt at shooting buffaloes:

"A neighbour told us that buffalo had eaten and trampled his crops so uncle and I said we would try to shoot them. The forest where they spend the day is too thick to follow them, so it means sitting up a night. It is a great game; you must play it sometimes. You need one bullet every enough to hit you if possible a thousand or more fire. We found just to sit up walking, one of two chairs and a gun and any other animal that can make a loud noise suddenly a few bullet or ten minutes away, you could hear one roar and one shot as heard as possible with a flashlight attached. At about 9.30 pick up the rope ring and cushion and put on windproof coats to make it impossible to climb a tree, walk to the trees, some of which are over as high as trees and the branchy as the base, try again, climb the tree, the cushion getting the cushion stuck in the tree, the most uncomfortable position possible, balance sitting on your knee, if you get tired, then climb up again. After about two hours nearly to a stop when one of the shots should have a sudden fall, and the tree. Repeat all this as often as can be done now, the howling, shouting, barking, barking and falling trees until the trees should fall across the motor road and none of the animals come within sight excepting the thick bushes. The boy said, 'I am not afraid of the bush, but I am afraid of the spear'."

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## Camp Fire Conference.

### The Two-Thirds Test.

A new species of tsetse fly has been discovered in the Belgian Congo, bringing the number of kinds of this pest known to date to the present time to twenty. As the new specimen belongs to the sleeping-sickness group, the find may be of future medical importance, but it is one of those discoveries which make the Belgian wonder whether he should feel glad or sorry.

### Nation's War.

As a matter of course it is well known that war is the zebra of the African life, but it is apparently even bigger than twenty thousand square miles and is one of the most salient traits of the Regent's Park Zoo. In the savanna, a place which has shown signs of the "war" of other countries, which was fought under circumstances of extreme weather conditions, students have furnished at short notice to earn the material of a talk with the following words:

### Indian Fundi Work.

A British colonial visitor to Kenya is much amused by the local ways—generally, as he says, an Indian. By long established custom a *fundi* is entitled to have one or more assistants like a Chinaman and his master learns, on one occasion, reaches the visitor. I saw an Indian *fundi* soldering a compasses paraffin tin with the help of one negative to work the bellows of the forge heating the soldering iron another to hold the tin for the fire and hand it to the *fundi* when ready, and a third to hold the tin itself. A European overseer looked on and seemed to see nothing wrong with the proceedings!

### Salesmanship in Africa.

A London newspaper records a striking example of the little points which make all the difference in selling goods to the African Native. Not long ago a visit of a young German traveller, it was noticed that the Natives would buy only German alarm clocks, although British and Swiss ones had all the gadgets—three bells, three alarms, one large dial, and so on—but the Germans had not. It was left to aaged chieftain to solve the mystery. The old man, upon inquiry, said, "It is the time that I want." That is it. He pointed to the English clock and snapped his fingers contemptuously, that! I cannot hear it! I sound like my hut! The young German was the first to be preserved from the tilting at windmills, and so had rendered the clock's "time" strengthened and the clock to be packed in little boxes which acted as sound boards! A British

firm receiving such a suggestion might have made some inquiries about the state of their travellers' health.

### Asses', or Aviators?

The little measure of arms which you reported last week between Sir Donald Cameron and a director of the East Afr. Operating Company was, says a contributor, distinctly drying out. The director urged that aerial survey was the best for railway work; the governor, not denying it, declared the company's charges high, and announced probably without a quiet chuckle, that his African Survey was prepared to fly an aeroplane. In the "piano" and "necessary cameras," the best instruments had been bought and were already in the territory. The constituents of the company think the Governor and his men were making assertions which added piquancy to the situation, but which, as they say, did not dislodge their equanimity. The Governor was, in fact, "sitting pretty" in a position sanctioned by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as the Director of Surveys Major P. L. E. Gethin served with the R.A.F. during the War, winning the Air Force Cross. Flying in plane must be child's play to him. On the other hand, the company may be thinking of the statement of Mr. R. Bourne, who is working on aerial survey in Northern Rhodesia. The reason may be laid on the fact that the power to tax and mint from the people is a natural gift given by God. The master will not be without his slaves.

### Tropical Animals in the Great Frost.

Great Britain has emerged from its spell of truly tropical weather during which many a returned East African, shivering in his wraps or attempting to thaw himself in front of a fire thought sympathetically of animals seen at the Zoo and wondered how they were faring in the icy circumstances. They need not have worried, for the reception of tropical animals to the intense cold was surprisingly good. True the elephants were kept indoors as a protective measure and the flamingoes were removed from their pond, but this latter was done, not because the birds mind the cold, but because they insist on standing in the water until they are frozen in, and then they break their long thin legs in frantic efforts to free themselves. In African villages, it was found unadvised to play with matches, as a single spark to moist water may present the smaller African birds hopped happily from perch to perch in their out-of-doors aviary, and even the monkeys stimulated by artificial sunlight in their quarters romped in their open enclosure with no apparent consciousness beyond a transient dothache from the wings, articles under the impression that they were a new and tempting form of sugar-stick. Paradoxically, the really unhappy animals were the polar bears, which refused to leave the water when the temperature dropped below 40° F. They are at their best in a heat wave, and seem to make the tropical residence of the Cuckoo expressed!

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## EAST AFRICA IN THE HOUSE.

Kenya Settlement Scheme.

Sir R. HAMILTON asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies whether, in view of the fact that the closer settlement scheme now contemplated the alienation of 74,000 acres, that thirty farms of 1,000 acres each were to be auctioned next month, that no licences had been granted since January last for grants, and the grant of a further 100,000 acres for this purpose was under consideration, if it was intended to alienate 250,000 acres; and, in view of the clause in the district he would state what this large alienation policy had his supporters while the report of the Hilton Young Commission was under consideration.

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British	104
German	36
Greek	113
Swiss	36
American	25
All other nationalities	5

## Hilton Young Report

Mr. Winterton, Under-Secretary of State for India, and in reply to Lieutenant-Colonel Kenworthy and Mr. Amery, said that the Government of India had been invited to forward its views on the report of the Hilton Young Commission.

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Governor's Hint to Railway Interests

The railway strike in Southern Rhodesia is seriously affecting Northern Rhodesia, as is evident from the brief cabled report which was received yesterday of last week's opening of the new session of the Northern Rhodesian Legislative Council. Sir James Crawford Maxwell, the Governor, stated that public revenues were suffering and that services would either have to be curtailed or further taxation imposed. His Excellency's address concluded with the remark that if the important mining interests now operating in the north of the Protectorate sought a new outlet to the sea, to the detriment of the Rhodesia Railways, responsibility would rest with those responsible for the present crisis.

## TANGANYIKA'S MINERAL OUTPUT.

Increased by 68% in Twelve Months.

The Controller of Mines of Tanganyika announces that mineral production during 1928 reached a total value of £107,403, an increase of 68% over the figure for 1927. The individual items are as follows:

	1927	1928
Diamonds	0,780	30,312
Gold	34,630	17,077
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Mica		1,525
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	367,404	119,428

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## EAST AFRICA

### ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

To discuss the Hilton Young Report.

A public conference to consider the native aspect of the recommendations made in the Hilton Young Report will be held on Monday, March 18, at 2.45 p.m., at the Central Hall, Westminster, under the chairmanship of Lord Meston, K.C.B., Honorary President of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society. Those who have promised to attend and take part include Mr. Charles Gavan, Lord Halsbury, Gwendoline Benfords, M.P., Lord Oliver, Sir Robert Hamilton-Mainwaring, Sir George Newman, B.E., M.P., Sir Archibald Sinclair, B.E., M.P., Professor Gilbert Murray, Colonel H. H. Holt, J. C. Wedderburn, M.A., Dr. Norman anti Messrs. Leonard S. Woof, F.R.S., Linfield G. M. Gilbert, M.P., F. W. Rethelsaw Lawrence, F.P., R. Hopkin Morris, M.P., C. Roden Busk, John H. Harris.

The Society informs East Africa that it is inviting several well-known settlers at present in this country to attend and take part. Tickets may be obtained upon application to the Society at Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1.

### DISMEMBERMENT OF TANGANYIKA.

The Territory's New Policy Criticised.

CONCLUDED cables news that the early session of the Association of East African Chamber of Commerce just held in Moshi was unable to discuss the Hilton Young Report, since delegations from some of the Chambers had still been unable to procure a copy. Informal discussions took place, however, and the Day of Salam Chamber strongly opposes the proposal to seek leave for the incorporation of the Northern Province of Tanganyika under the administration of Kenya Colony. Settler opinion in the Moshi and Arusha districts supports the recommendation.

The delegates had before them the text of two telegrams recently dispatched to the Colonial Office by officers in the Northern Province, who dissociate themselves entirely from the views and policy of Sir Donald Cameron, the Governor, who strongly opposed his Native policy, and who have asked for an independent inquiry into its working.

This is quoted from Addis Ababa that Negus Tafti recently invited to the ceremony of coronation the last times before that it might be filmed by the delegation now in Ethiopia on behalf of the American Field Museum of Natural History.

### SOME STATEMENTS WORTH NOTING.

In the past year parades have been very generally practised throughout the Union, but it is one of the most notorious practices ever committed by man. It has been said by the uninitiated that wild hunting kills ticks. It may kill a few, but if it were of any value as a tick exterminator there would not be so many ticks in South Africa. Mr. C. D. Braine, M.Inst.C.E., in *The Farmer's Weekly*.

With British Africa, there are certainly greater opportunities in settled areas over parts of the Union of Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Tanganyika Territory, and S. Northern Nigeria. Including Northern Rhodesia, the total area involved must be in the neighbourhood of 1 million square miles. There is, in fact, a vast area within the Empire over which a full survey should prove to be an economic proposition. Mr. R. Baddeley, M.A., of the Imperial Forestry Institute, Oxford.

Forgetfulness of the need to hasten slowly in the education of young nations has produced in many cases a pitiful and feeble, unstable type. We meet individuals with a certain amount of book knowledge floating on the surface of a mind that has lost its original simplicity but who have never reached that fundamental fitness to make use of that knowledge. We see men and women who have no love or reverence for the old ways of their people, but who have no real sense of proportion in the fitness of things which would enable them to work out a new civilization suited to their national character and country and their climate. — Peter M. C. Wagstaffe, in *The International Review of Missions*.

### GERMAN OPPOSITION TO THE REPORT.

The German Government, which, as we've frequently emphasised, is interested in the Permanent Mandated Commission of the League of Nations chiefly as an instrument with which to obstruct British African progress, finding untenable its proposal to re-claim that the recommendations of the Hilton Young Report are contrary to the spirit and the letter of the mandate for Tanganyika Territory, now suggests as an infringement of that undertaking the formation for one joint East African Defence Force, and pleads before that such an arrangement would involve the use of Native askaris from the Mandated Territory in non-mandated areas. The view of the closer Union Commissioners is that the co-operation of defence is perfectly justifiable provided Tanganyika is not called upon to meet more than its due proportion of cost and personnel.

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### THE PRESS ON THE REPORT.

LAST week we reported that Lord Lugard, Lord Davison of Ambeth, Lord Buxton, Lord Cecil, Lord Rennell, Lord Olivier, and Lord Southborough had issued a public appeal that the Hilton Young Report should be considered by a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses of Parliament.

Sir Sydney Henn, writing to *The Times*, says:

"With the considerations set out over the signatures of seven members of the House of Peers I am in agreement, but the suggestion that any proposed changes after being embodied in a draft Bill or draft Orders in Council should be submitted to a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses seems to me an entirely antinomian of the course of events."

The Secretary of State has already given an undertaking in the House of Commons that there shall be an opportunity for a full debate on the report before any final action is taken on the Hilton Young Report, and that no decision in regard to closer union will be arrived at until local opinion in East Africa has been consulted. Quite clearly, then, action will have to be taken to ascertain local views in East Africa before any Bill or Orders in Council can be drafted and in these circumstances the decision as to the appointment of a Select Committee of the two Houses will have to be left for determination by the next Parliament and not by the present one, which is likely to be dissolved before any Standing Joint Committee could be furnished with the views of the various interests and communities in East Africa.

The Southern Rhodesian *Spokesman* considers that since the interests of the Natives are to be regarded as paramount in East and Central Africa, Southern Rhodesia must be definitely regarded as separated from her northern neighbour, since:

"It is inconceivable that we should accept that basis, and it is equally unlikely that the Imperial Government would hand over to us the Natives of North-Eastern Rhodesia and Nyasaland without securing substantial guarantees that its policy should still continue to prevail there. Amalgamation, in the full sense of the word, with North-Eastern Rhodesia and Nyasaland is dead."

There can be no question of responsible government in these territories until the Natives themselves can share in the responsibilities, because, until that stage is reached, the Imperial Government will be under obligation of trusteeship which cannot be discharged without reserving a right to intervene in all the business of government.

The concluding words embody a proposition which, as far as Southern Rhodesia is concerned, would seem to be considered for a moment.

Moreover, it does not require very great perspicacity to see that self-government for Northern Rhodesia as a whole is also ruled out. North-Western Rhodesia (Barotseland) is a purely Native area at the white settlements, with the exception of a small area in the Fort Jameson district, is almost exclusively confined to the railway strip. In the face of these facts, of the Commission's very clear apprehension and report of them, and of its own declared policy, it is inconceivable that the Imperial Government will hand over to the 55,500 Europeans of Northern Rhodesia the control of the 37,000 square miles of the country and its 1,200,000 Native inhabitants.

Self-government for the European population of Northern Rhodesia is only possible under the conditions proposed by Sir Hilton Young - namely, the division of the country into three parts: (1) Barotseland becoming an independent Native Reserve, (2) North-Eastern Rhodesia being joined with Nyasaland, and (3) the railway strip being incorporated

in Southern Rhodesia and participating in our self-government. We regard the Chairman's proposals as being in every way preferable to those of the majority report. Yet we should be the last to advocate any pressure being brought to bear upon the people of the railway strip to join us. If they come in, it must be as free and willing partners. If they decide to remain as part of a non-self-governing State as a State which must be governed on the general principles as laid down by the dual policy in Central and Eastern Africa, doubtless it will be because they know their own business best."

*The Livingstone Mail*, which believes that the report will for generations remain a substantial part of the foundations of Central African policy, says:

"It is becoming evident that the recommendations of the majority have been rejected. Bills to be laid before the Legislative Council provide for the carrying out of a policy that would be largely inconsistent with amalgamation with Southern Rhodesia; financial arrangements are being made for the erection of buildings for public services in the Ndola mining area on an extensive scale; no measures that would suggest preparation for amalgamation have been mooted. We feel justified in saying that there is no likelihood of amalgamation with Southern Rhodesia within any period that could be dated. All who have contemplated enterprise on the basis of Northern Rhodesia remaining a separate State may now proceed with them assured of the maintenance of existing conditions. We do not mean that the period of stagnation is to be prolonged indefinitely. On the contrary, we have reason to believe that an active and extensive forward policy is being framed and will be carried into effect in the immediate future."

According to a telegram to *The Times*, a mission meeting held last week in Nairobi resolved that, while believing the settlers to give their best in trusteeship, missionaries were not convinced that the time was yet ripe for the transfer of political responsibility to a small white community.

### THE DEATH OF KINANJU.

KINANJU, the Paramount Chief of the Sukuyu, has died of blood poisoning at the age of sixty-five, cables the Nairobi correspondent of *The Times*. A fine dignified man, he was appointed Paramount Chief thirty years ago. Originally Kinanju was employed as a leader of carriers, and his powers of command and influence over the men, together with his devotion to the Government, brought about his appointment as first Paramount Chief. During his life the chief has been placed in various locations, each section having a paid Government headman, and it is considered unlikely that the Government will appoint another Paramount Chief.

Although Kinanju was a pagan, representatives of the Church of Scotland Mission and of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches conducted a brief service before the burial. Mr. M. Well, the chief Native Commissioner, died at the cemetery, entered the burial-ground and paid a tribute to a "devoted servant of the Government." Before it was lowered into the grave, the chief's heavily killed goat was placed on the top of the grave, as signifying the weight and honour of the deceased. This was followed by a short service.

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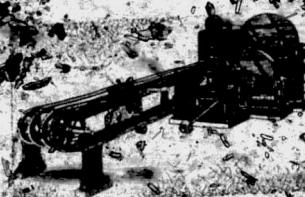
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AERONAUTICS is making rapid progress in East Africa, and *East Africa* is keenly interested in any commodity which can be produced in its area—a fairly new one, and which is of value to the new industry. The young *East African* lists the following item of interest in its own correspondence from the City—

"We find in the past country, a new world which furnishes abundant material for the best aeroplane motor fuel, according to Mr. J. H. Marshall, Postmaster of the National Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives Society, who has been on a visit to this country studying cotton and its varieties here."

The information which the aeroplane fuel is derived from *Higuerilla*, which grows throughout the country. There is no other product which gives oil as well suited to get up plane motors as does *Higuerilla*, said Mr. Hartman. "The oil obtained from this plant is good in all temperatures. Hence its great value for airplane use." The plant came into notice during the World War, when it was found that it had medicinal properties, and its seed could be used in the making of war gases. Since then the lubricant virtues of its oil have been discovered, and exploited by several manufacturers, and the demand for it is increasing daily.

Piqued at this brazen puff of a worthless unkown plant as a source of aero-plane lubricant, *East Africa* invoked the aid of the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, who promptly replied that *Higuerilla* is merely the Mexican name for the castor oil plant (*Ricinus communis*), of which the exports from India alone, twenty years ago, reached an annual total of 60,000 tons of seed and 1,000,000 gallons of oil!

As castor oil is already familiar as the only lubricant for aeroplanes, and is being exploited on the large scale by a famous British concern, it is difficult to see the object of this prodigious puff. Perhaps the Americans are out to boom *Higuerilla* Oil as a new product, the result of fortunate exploitation and intensive experiment! If so, our readers will be warned in time.

## EAST AFRICA AND INDIAN TRADE.

Report of the Government Mission.

In January of last year the Government of India resolved to send a Trade Mission to certain countries in the Near East and in Africa to survey their potentialities as markets for Indian cotton goods and to make recommendations for the encouragement of cotton manufacture from India. The report of this Mission has now been published under the title of "Trade Mission to the Near East and Africa Report" (Government Publication Branch, Calcutta, 4d. post free).

Each British Dependency in East Africa is considered under two heads—general trade, and cotton goods trade—and a chapter is devoted to a summary of the cotton goods trade of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika. Graphic diagrams assist materially in elucidating the text, which goes into great detail and is very informative. The approximate annual consumption of the East African group is given as 80 million yards of piece goods and 2.3 million cotton blankets, of which India sends 16.2 million yards and 55,000 blankets. Comparison with goods from other countries showed that Indian exports fell short of standard in finish, folding and tie-up, stamping and tickling, packing, delivery, sampling, variety of designs, and uniformity. It is concluded that the Levant and South Africa offer the best openings for development. The appointment of three Trade Commissioners is recommended—one to be stationed at Mombasa and to cover the whole East African group—Kenya, Tan-ganyika, Uganda, and Zanzibar.

## THE JASSID COTTON PEST CONQUERED.

Encouraging E.C.G.C. Reports.

The results already obtained in South Africa form a distinct triumph for the work of the Corporation," writes Dr. J. C. Williams, F.R.S., in his editorial preface to "Reports from the Experiment Stations of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation" (E.C.G.C., Millbank, S.W.1, 2s. 6d. post free). He refers mainly to the success achieved in breeding a strain of cotton plant resistant to the jassid pest, which is the bane of the planter from South Africa to Rhodesia and Nyasaland and threat to Uganda.

*East Africa* has followed Mr. P. R. Parnell's experiments at Bartholemew with great interest, and joins in congratulations on his success. His three strains, A, 4, A. 12, and Z, besides being commercially immune to jassid, show good characters, short and other desirable features. U. 4 seems to be a particularly happy product, for it held cotton from Caudwells in Zululand to Mazabuka in Northern Rhodesia it was outstanding amongst all other varieties grown alongside. Yield tests showed an average increase of 50% above the next best jassid-free, and 100% above old varieties. It is eminently suited for re-selection work and belongs to the small-boll'd prolific type which is likely to be little affected by red bollworm.

Boll-shedding is another trouble, and in Uganda a definite attempt is being made to breed varieties with reduced shedding. One strain of Nyasaland Upland has already been isolated which is promising in this respect, while showing large bolls and good lint. In Nyasaland good work is being done on improving local strains of Over-the-Top cotton, which appears to be the most suitable variety for general use in the higher parts of the country.

A general review of these valuable reports indicates that the problem of rainfall increases in importance, and that work at local stations must be directed to obtaining a good sound variety suited to the locality. It cannot be expected that any introduced strain will be found entirely suitable at first; a local strain must be bred locally for local conditions.

It is regrettable that the E.C.G.C. still finds it impossible to return any report from Tanganyika Territory, whose importance as a cotton-growing area steadily increases.

## COTTON PRICES PAID IN UGANDA.

Official Inquiry Instituted by Governor.

The Governor of Uganda has appointed a Commission consisting of Sir M. G. Carter (chairman), Mr. A. D. Jones (chairman of the Uganda Chamber of Commerce), and Mr. P. W. Adshead (government accountant) to investigate and report on—

(i) The fairness of the prices paid to Native cultivators for cotton in the last three years, considering the costs of ginning, transport, and world prices.

(ii) Whether the formation of cotton buying associations is beneficial or prejudicial to cultivators and the industry generally.

(iii) What are the reasonable costs of ginning and transport of cotton.

(iv) Whether the Government could or should interfere to ensure fair prices to cultivators.

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Imports into Tanganyika Territory during the first ten months of last year totalled £3,166,000, compared with £3,001,000 for the corresponding period of 1927.

Kenya is considering the establishment of a meat extract factory as an outlet for surplus Native cattle. It is understood that the proposal relates especially to the Massai Reserve.

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The attention of the Department of Overseas Trade has been drawn to the proposed issue by a private firm of a "Consular Directory." We are requested to state that this directory is neither an official nor a semi-official publication, and is in no sense being issued with the approval of His Majesty's Government.

A Bill introduced to the Legislative Council in Kenya has as its object the eradication of East Coast fever in the Colony. The title of the measure is the Cattle Cleansing Bill, and it provides for the compulsory dipping of cattle in every area of the Colony in which a two-thirds majority of the landowners and cattle owners of that area pass a resolution for the provisions of the Bill to be applied. Advances by the Bank to defray the cost of the construction of dipping tanks.

The directors of the Rhodesia-Katanga Junction Railways and Mineral Company "in order to prevent any misunderstanding," state that the British South Africa Company exercised their right of pre-emption over the railway from Broken Hill to the Gondwe border on October 1 last, the agreed purchase price being £975,000, and that this sum has enabled the Rhodesia-Katanga Company to redeem the existing debentures amounting to £600,000 leaving a substantial balance in cash for developing the Stanhope Mine and other properties.

The report of the British South Africa Company for the year ended September 30 last shows a profit of £569,920, from which a dividend of 1s. 3d. per share, with a bonus of 3d. per share, both less tax, are to be paid, leaving a carry forward of £541,180. The company's capital stands at £6,750,000 in 9,000,000 shares of 1s. each, of which £6,570,376 10s. is issued and fully paid. Investments stand in the balance sheet at £6,321,72, and it is noted that the company received from His Majesty's Government during the year £14,582 in respect of its half-interest in the net proceeds of the sale and lease of land in North-Western Rhodesia.

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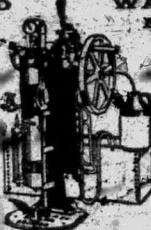
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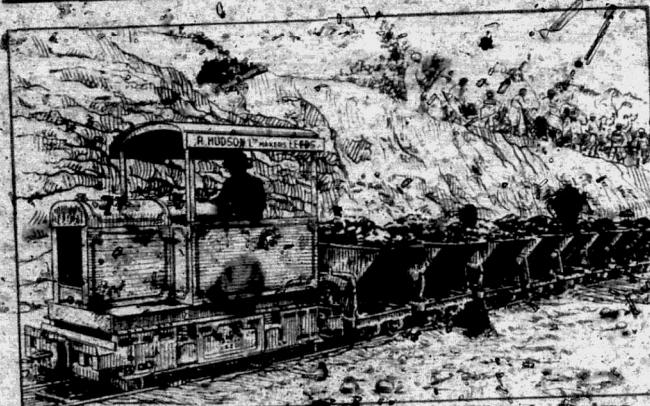
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