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SUBJECT

CIVIL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Reports on working of the Society and on the efficiency of Administration

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle
- Mr. H. Lambert
- Sir H. Road
- Mr. W. S. Smith
- Mr. Wood
- Mr. Churchill

Previous Paper

MINUTES

Gen 23099/20.
 Notes below as to
 notes sent to be
 re-arranged & to be sent to

Mr. Bottomley
 Mr. C. C. L. (Should also
 be B. for myself)

And then circulated to the

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W. S. Smith

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Subsequent Paper

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19th November, 1921.

Sir,

With reference to Viscount Liner's de-
No. 374 of 17th May, 1920, in which a report on the
working of the Civil Motor Transport scheme was
desired with particular reference to its financial

I have the honour to
1.325 on March 3
the purchase
and the price of the
Society. 2,000 cars have
been purchased and the total cost
of the vehicles now numbered 122
in the possession of the Government
introduction of the general scheme
at the present time in connection

2. The vehicles purchased for
Commission had been considered as
the campaign and required such extensive
conditioning that large stocks of spares
had to be sent to the front in addition to
the spares purchased from the front in order
to maintain the Ford cars in service.

It cannot be said that the cars
have shown the best possible performance
below my intentions regarding

3. Cars have been allocated to the
Administration, Medical, Agricultural and
veterinary

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
WINSTON CHURCHILL, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

Veterinary Departments and a General Service Fleet of Cars has been introduced. In Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu, and the various offices of officers on duty, transfer and temporary as well as the various Commissions which have been on tour throughout the Colony.

4. A motor mail service also was inaugurated in October, 1920, in the Uasin Gishu District and from Kisumu to Eldoret in February 1921: both services have been successful but must be to a certain extent dependent upon weather conditions.

5. Equipment and spares are stocked in the Depot Store in Nairobi under the supervision of a European Storekeeper with native assistance and are carried at the Public Works Department offices at Mombasa, Nyeri, Kisumu and Eldoret. The depot at Nairobi has been fully equipped.

to the Crown Agents in Nairobi. The depot at Nairobi has not yet been completed, nor have the plans for the erection of a building for the establishment of subsidiary depots. The depots cannot be effected until the financial conditions improve. I present a European mechanic at Eldoret and a European mechanic at Mombasa carry out minor repairs in these areas. Native Mechanics are being trained by the Uganda Department as drivers and 112 as mechanic learners. The total mileage of all vehicles in use with the exception of those allotted to Northern Frontier District and myself was during the period April 1920 to March 1921 estimated at 265,482 miles at a running cost of 51.2 cents per mile. Speedometers have now

been attached to all cars and will enable precision in the future calculation of running costs.

7. The expenses of upkeep and the general utility of Ford Cars more especially in outside areas were thoroughly investigated and recommendations were approved by Legislative Council for the replacement of Ford by Dodge Cars. It is anticipated that considerable economy will be effected by the use of a better class of car. Twenty one cars are on order (in this connection please refer to my telegram No. 478 of 3rd November) and on their arrival the surplus Ford cars and spares will be sold off and the sums derived from the sale will be credited to Revenue.

8. Expenditure incurred up to March 31st, 1921, and anticipated up to 31st December, 1921, is set out below:-

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:

	£.
Original cost of Dodges and Fords & Spares	17,543
Reconditioning Fords	2,450
Reconditioning Dodges	160
Additional Spares	3,133
Cost of Depot Machinery	1,135
Cost of 18 new Vehicles (includes 6 Lacre Lorries at £9,500)	13,056
Cost of Dodges on order	7,000

Total

£44,477

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE:

	£.
Running Cost 1919-20	6,016
1920-21	13,598
1921 (9 months Estimate)	25,000
Personnel 1920-21	3,529
1921 (9 months Estimate)	2,833

Total

£50,976

Total £95,453. From this total should be deducted the selling price of the Fords and Spares which are expected to realize £2,500.

9. As might be expected in a new and to a great extent an Experimental Service, considerable improvement in organization is possible and I have fresh regulations, chiefly concerning the control and care of these cars, under my review at the time of writing. Certain alterations for the latter e.g. the stationing of Mechanics in the various centres of the Colony must be deferred owing to lack of funds.

10. The success of the Motor Transport Scheme has been to increase the mobility of Administrative Officers and the efficiency of administration and to effect closer supervision of administrative activities.

W. G. M. M. M.

GOVERNMENT

Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Departments and a General Service Fleet of Cars has been introduced for use in Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu, and for the conveyance of officers on duty transfer and inspection and also of the various commissions which have been on tour throughout the Colony.

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5. Equipment and spares are stocked in the Depot Store in Nairobi under the supervision of a European Clerk and Storekeeper with native assistance and small stocks are carried at the Public Works Department divisions at Mombasa, Nyeri, Kisumu and Eldoret. The Nairobi Depot has not yet been fully equipped. An indent for machinery sent to the U.S.A. in September 1919 has not yet been completed, nor have funds been available for the erection of a building for a Machine Shop. The establishment of subsidiary depots at outside centres cannot be effected until the financial conditions improve, at present a European mechanic at Eldoret and an Indian mechanic at Mombasa carry out minor repairs in those areas. Native Mechanics are being trained and 34 Waganga are employed as drivers and 12 as Mechanic learners.

6. The total mileage of all vehicles in use with the exception of those allotted to Northern Frontier District and myself was during the period April 1920 to March 1921 estimated at 265,400 miles at a running cost of 51.2 cents per mile. Speedometers have now been attached to all cars and will enable precise calculation of future calculation of running costs.

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

- Original cost of Dodges and Fords and
- Reconditioning Fords
- Reconditioning Dodges
- Additional Spares
- Cost of Depot Machinery
- Cost of 18 new Vehicles (Applied)
- 6 Lacre Lorries at £2,000
- Cost of Dodges on order

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GRANT EXPENDITURE

Cost	1918-21	
	1920-21	
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Ans	1921	
	1922	

Total

Total £153,000. From this total £100,000 to be deducted for the selling price of the Fords and Spares which are expected to realise

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(Sgd) EDWARD NORTHEY

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