

SOUTHERN NIGERIA CIVIL SERVICE LIST AND HANDBOOK,

1907.

INTRODUCTION.

HISTORICAL.

By Royal Letters Patent dated the 28th of February, 1906, the Colony and Protectorate of Southern Nigeria is made to comprise the old Colony and Protectorate of Lagos, together with the old Protectorate of Southern Nigeria with headquarters in Lagos town.

The Colony is situated approximately between the 3rd and 9th degree of longitude east of Greenwich.

It is bounded on the south by the Bight of Benin, and on the west by the French Colony of Dahomey.

The boundary line between Northern and Southern Nigeria extends from the frontier of Dahomey, a little south of latitude 9 degrees to a point near Ashaku on the Anglo-German frontier. The eastern boundary is that of the German territory of Kamerun.

The area is about 77,221 square miles, and the population approximately 4½ millions. The wet season is from June to October. The Harmattan lasts from the middle of December to the middle of February, and the tornado season from March to June.

CONSTITUTION.

The Government of the Colony is administered by a Governor, assisted by an Executive and a Legislative Council composed of official and unofficial members.

ADMINISTRATION.

The Colony is divided for administrative purposes into three Provinces, namely:—

The Western or Lagos Province, comprising the former Colony of Lagos and its Protectorate, with headquarters in Lagos Town; the Central or Niger Province with headquarters at Warri; and the Eastern or Calabar Province, with headquarters at Calabar. The two latter Provinces comprise what was formerly known as the Protectorate of Southern Nigeria.

A Provincial Commissioner presides over each Province, which is again sub-divided into Districts under the charge of District Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners.

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					To	20	41	62	106	117	133
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							To	21	65	76	92
								To	44	55	71
									To	11	27
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<i>Forcados Branch.</i>			<i>Nun Branch.</i>		
Forcados.	Forcados.		Akassa.		
Burutu	5	Ekau ...	25	
Warri	27	Sabagreiga ...	50	Ekau. 25
Gana-Gana	54	Warri.		
Asch	100	27		Sabagreiga. 46
Agberi	127	73	96	71
Abo	152	100	100	85
Uchi	177	122	100	85
Munankor	182	147	100	85
Onitsha	219	150	100	85
Asaba	222	172	100	85
Illa	252	177	100	85
Ilushi	267	192	100	85
Idah	307	195	100	85
Bofo	313	214	100	85
			217	100	85
			247	100	85
			262	100	85
			302	100	85
			308	100	85
			313	100	85
			308	100	85
			286	100	85
			259	100	85
			213	100	85
			186	100	85
			161	100	85
			136	100	85
			131	100	85
			94	100	85
			61	100	85
			46	100	85
			6	100	85

THE APPROXIMATE DISTANCES OF STATIONS ON THE CROSS RIVER ARE AS FOLLOWS:—

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LAUNCH JOURNEYS.

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There is no creek communication between the Opobo and the Cross Rivers, but investigation shows that a creek called Big Town Creek (Kwa-Ibo River) and another called Widenham Creek (Tom Shott, Calabar), run towards each other for a certain distance, both eventually merging into a vast swamp, which in the rainy season might be (and certainly once was) crossed by a small canoe.

The following gives some distances along launch routes not included in the previous tables:—

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Akassa „ Brass	17	
Brass „ Degema	90	
„ „ Bonny	110	Direct.
Degema „ Egwanga	80	
„ „ Bonny	45	
Bonny „ Egwanga	45	
„ „ Opobo	50	
Opobo „ Egwanga	9	
Egwanga „ Akwete	40	

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POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH.

The Postal Department is controlled by the Postmaster-General, who is stationed at Lagos in the Western Province.

The Colony and Protectorate of Southern Nigeria is included in the Postal Union, and foreign money order and parcels post systems are in operation between it and the United Kingdom, Northern Nigeria, Gold Coast Colony, Sierra Leone, Gambia, and all British and foreign countries to which these systems extend. There is also an inland money order system. Postal orders were first issued and paid at several offices in the Western Province, and the system has now been extended to all post offices throughout the Colony and Protectorate.

POST OFFICES IN THE COLONY AND PROTECTORATE.

NOTE.—At every office indicated in capitals all classes of business are transacted.

<i>Western Province.</i>	<i>Eastern Province.</i>	<i>Central Province.</i>
(LAGOS) General Post Office.	CALABAR.	BENIN CITY.
(Lagos) Broad Street Branch Post Office.	Eket.	FORCADOS.
Ebute Metta.	Cross River Stations.	WARRI.
IBADAN.	Bende.	SAPELE.
Badagry.	Okuni.	ABO.
Epe.	Obubra.	ONITSHA.
JEBU-ODE.	BONNY.	IDAH.
Ikorodu.	EGWANGA.	*Ifon.
Sagamu.	DEGEMA.	*Asaba.
Saki.	BRASS.	
Oyo.	Akasa.	
Ogbomosho.	*Aba.	
Ode-Ondo.	*Bakana.	
Meko.	*Buguma.	
†Agege.	*Opobo.	
†Otto.	Ikot-Ekpene.	
†Ifo.	Aro Chuku.	
†Itori.	Afikpo.	
†Aro.		
†Abeokuta.		
†Eruwa Road.		
†Oloke-Meji.		

* Postal Agencies.

† Railway Stations where letter boxes are cleared daily, and stamps sold.

MAIL SERVICES.

Western Province.

Lagos for Abeokuta, Ibadan, Ebute Metta...	...	Daily (railway).
Lagos for Popo and Porto Novo, Badagry ...	...	Tuesday (launch).
Lagos for Epe, Jebu Ode, Leckie, Ayetoro, Atijere, Aboto, Igbekebo, Igbo, Bini Ayede, Agbaje, Ode-Ondo, Arogo, Akotogbo, Siluko. ...	...	Tuesday (launch).
Lagos for Ikorodu and Shagamu ...	...	Wednesday (launch).
Lagos for Bonny, Calabar, and all stations in Eastern Province.		Alternate Saturday (mail steamer).
Lagos for Forcados and all stations in Central Province.		Every Saturday (mail steamer).
Ibadan for Oyo, Iseyin, Ogbomosho ...	...	Daily runners.
„ Ilesha, Oshogbo, Akure ...	...	Wednesday, Friday (runners).

Central Province.

Forcados for Warri, Gana-Gana, Assaye, Abo, Opaiha, Munanker, Atani, Abutshi, Onitsha, Asaba, Illah, Illushi, Idah	Weekly (launch).
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Between Forcados and Warri there is almost daily communication.

Forcados for Warri, Sapele, Benin City, Ifon	Weekly (launch, canoe, or runners).
Sapele for Benin River ...	...	Weekly (canoe).
„ Agbor ...	...	Fortnightly (runners).
Asaba for Ogrugu ...	...	Fortnightly (canoe).
Forcados for Benin River, Agbegor, Koko, Egoro, Miller Factory ...	...	Weekly (canoe).

Eastern Province.

Calabar for Bonny via Eket and Egwanga...	...	Weekly (canoe, runners, and launch).
„ Itu, Afikpo, Ediba, Obubra, Okuni, Obokun, German territory, and all river stations.		Friday (launch, canoe, and runners).
Calabar for Iket-Ekpene and Oyo ...	...	Friday (launch and runners).
„ Aro-Chuku and Bende ...	...	Friday (launch, canoe, and runners).
„ Bonny, Forcados, Lagos ...	...	Alternate Thursdays mail steamer.

INLAND POSTAL RATES.

Letters, Parcels, &c.

The postage to any part of the Colony and Protectorate is :—

	s.	d.
Letters, per oz. or part thereof	0	1
Parcels, not exceeding 3 lbs.	0	4
Parcels exceeding 3 lbs. not exceeding 7 lbs.	0	8
Parcels exceeding 7 lbs. not exceeding 11 lbs.	1	0
Newspapers and book packets per 2 ozs.	0	0½
Post cards, each	0	1
Reply post cards, each	0	2
Registration fee	0	2
Registered letter envelopes G size, 6 inches by 3½ inches, registration fee included	0	2½
Registered letter envelopes H size, 9 inches by 4 inches, registration fee included	0	4

Postage stamps of the following values are issued :—½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s., 2s. 6d., 5s., 10s., 20s.

Money Orders.

Money orders are issued and made payable at other money order offices in the Colony and Protectorate for sums not exceeding £40 in any one order at the following rates of commission :—

Not exceeding £1, 3d. and 3d. for every additional £1 or part thereof.

Postal Orders.

Postal orders are issued for all amounts increasing by sixpence from sixpence to twenty-one shillings.

Over 6d. but not exceeding 2s. 6d.	1d.
Over 2s. 6d. but not exceeding 15s.	2d.
Over 15s. but not exceeding 21s.	3d.

Ocean Mails.

There is a regular weekly mail service with Europe leaving Calabar and Bonny on alternate Thursdays and Fridays respectively, and Forcados and Lagos every Saturday and Sunday respectively. German steamers also leave Lagos on 27th and 12th of each month.

United Kingdom, Colonial and Foreign Postage Rates.

The postage to the United Kingdom, West African Colonies and almost all British possessions is as under :—

Letters, per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	1d.
Letters to all foreign countries per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Post cards, to such places as they are available	...	...	...	...	1d.
Reply post cards	„	„	...	...	2d.
Newspapers	}	...	...	...	...
Books printed per 2 ozs.					
Papers, &c.					
Commercial papers, for first 10 ozs. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Commercial papers for every additional 2 ozs. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Parcels—

For the United Kingdom and West African Colonies, as under :—

	s.	d.
Not exceeding 3 lbs.	...	1 0
Exceeding 3 lbs. but not exceeding 7 lbs.	...	2 0
„ 7 lbs. „ 11 lbs.	...	3 0

For other British possessions and foreign countries—

According to varying rates.

The maximum weight of a parcel is limited to 11 lbs. and the dimensions must not exceed 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet in either length, breadth, or depth, or 6 feet in length and girth combined.

INSURANCE.

Letters and parcels for transmission to such countries as may have adopted the insurance system can be assured, the limit of insured value being fixed by most countries at £120.

Limit of Compensation.	Fee.	Limit of Compensation.	Fee.
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
12	0 5	72	1 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
24	0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	84	1 8
36	0 10	96	1 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
48	1 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	108	2 1
60	1 3	120	2 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

REGISTRATION.

Registration is applicable to all correspondence except parcels. Parcels cannot be registered, but in most cases they can be insured.

The fee chargeable for registration is 2d.

MONEY ORDERS.

Money orders are issued and made payable at any office transacting money order business in any part of the world.

Not exceeding £1	...	...	...	...	...	s. d.
						0 4
And for every additional £1 or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	0 4

An additional commission is chargeable upon money orders that have to pass through the United Kingdom exchange.

The following are the rates chargeable thereon:—

Not exceeding £2	...	...	...	...	...	s. d.
						0 3
Exceeding £2 but not exceeding £6	...	...	...	...	...	0 6
" 6 " " 10	...	...	...	...	...	0 9

This commission is deducted from the amount of the original money order when passing through the United Kingdom and is not collected at the office of origin.

POSTAL ORDERS.

The sums for which postal orders can be obtained, together with the poundage thereon, are the same as those shown under "Inland Postal Rates."

H. ARCHER,

Postmaster-General.

LIST OF TELEGRAPH OFFICES IN SOUTHERN NIGERIA.

*Abeokuta.	Eket.	Oguta.
*Adio.	*Eruwa Road.	*Ogunshileh.
Agbor.	Forcados.	*Oloke Meji.
*Agege.	Ibadan.	Onitsha.
Akure.	*Ibadan Station.	Oka.
*Arigbajo.	*Ido.	*Opeji.
*Aro.	*Ifo.	Oshogbo.
Asaba.	Ifon.	*Otta.
Benin City.	Ilesha.	Owo.
Benin River.	*Ilugun.	*Owowo.
Fish Town.	Iseyin.	Oyo.
Bonny.	*Itore.	Saki.
Bonny (A. D. T. Coy.)	Lagos.	*Sanushi.
Calabar.	Lagos (A. D. T. Coy.)	Sapele.
*Ebute Metta.	Leckie.	*Wasimi.
Egwanga.	Ogbomosho.	Warri.

To be opened during 1907.

Owerri.	Ikor Ekpeni.
Aba.	Itu.

*Lagos Government Railway.

Minor roads in the Eastern Province are: Calabar to Ikang, the Customs station on the Kamerun boundary near Rio del Rey, a distance of 21 miles through low-lying delta country. The construction of this road is now being proceeded with.

From Oron to Eket and thence to Egwanga a very fair road exists, and deviations to avoid excessive grades are necessary on various parts of the road. Good bridges are being built.

From Egwanga to Ahoada and thence to Owerri a road is gradually being made. Owerri will be further connected up by a road to Aguta, whence a road is being constructed through Abutshe to Onitsha. This gives another connection between the Eastern Province and the Niger.

From Ikot-Ekpenne to Bende a road is being gradually formed more or less along the native track. From Bende to Aro Chuku (35 miles) a good road is gradually being constructed, and the bad gradients being done away with by deviations. From Bende to Afikpo, about 40 miles, there is a fair road now being widened and graded.

A new road is projected from Afikpo to Abakali Ki and from Abakali Ki on to Obubra, on the Cross River, a total distance of 68 miles. No survey has yet been made, owing to the disturbed state of the country.

From Obubra to Okuni a road is under construction, but still requires a considerable amount of work in deviations and bridges.

From Okuni to Ikonni, a distance of six miles, a road is in course of construction. Surveys will be made in 1907 from Ikonni for a road to the German Kamerun boundary at Abokam, a distance of about 65 miles.

C. DARBY,

Superintendent of Roads,

Central and Eastern Provinces.

SURVEY (MINERAL).

The investigation of the monazite deposits of the Oban Hills has been continued.

The estimated values of the two concentrates near and to the west of Ibum were respectively $10\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. and $9\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. per cubic yard of gravel. These results contrast favourably with those obtained to the south of Ibum, and show that the district from which they were obtained requires further investigation.

Experiments conducted in England go far to show that mechanical separation of monazite and ilmenite (the commonest impurity in the sands) can be effected without difficulty. In the report for 1904 it was pointed out that monazite was probably widely distributed and locally concentrated in certain rocks. During a

journey made through the Central Province this theory was supported by evidence collected in the Kukuruku and neighbouring hills. Monazite occurred in some concentrates which were examined, but the quantities were much less than in the vicinity of the Oban Hills; it is possible, however, that additional field work will prove the occurrence of richer deposits.

Towards the Northern Nigeria boundary, near Owo and Yayu, some of the crystalline rocks bear a general resemblance to those of the Oban Hills, but much work remains to be done before the large area of the Central Province can be said to be properly understood.

Considerable interest attaches to the deposit of lignite long known to the west of Asaba on the right bank of the Niger. In a preliminary investigation outcrops alone were considered, and no boring to prove the thickness or extent of the bed was undertaken. The overburden covering the lignite consists of the common red clayey sand, and the fuel is associated with shales, often carbonaceous, sandstones, and thick beds of thaolin.

Sections were examined in three or four places representing an area of only some 15 square miles and 5 inches. In the two farthest points the bed of lignite measured 9 feet and 6 inches in thickness. The area is probably considerably greater than has hitherto been proved.

Two samples of lignite from Okpanam and Ibusa proved satisfactory fuel in river steamers, in engineering workshops, and in brass smelting furnaces when mixed with coke. These experiments indicate that the lignite deposit may prove a profitable source of fuel for steam craft on the Niger. The examination of lead deposits in the Obubra District, on the right bank of the Cross River, had to be deferred, owing to the unsettled state of the surrounding country.

TELEGRAPH. *See* POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH.

TREASURY. *See* CUSTOMS AND TREASURY.

LAGOS GOVERNMENT RAILWAY.

The Lagos Government Railway was commenced in 1895, and the line as far as Ibadan was formally opened to public service by Governor Sir William MacGregor in March, 1901.

The gauge is 3 feet 6 inches, and the line is laid as far as Ibadan with 30 feet rails of 50 lbs. per yard, the maximum gradient being 1 in 50, and the limit of curvature $7\frac{1}{2}$ chains. On the Extensions now being constructed the standard West African 55 lbs. rail is being used, and the maximum grade has been improved to 1 in 80 with a 15 chain curvature limit.

The southern terminus is situated at Iddo, a small island lying midway between Lagos Island and the mainland, with both of which Iddo is connected

by large bridges. Running almost due north, the Egba country is crossed, and at 60 miles a branch $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles long connects the main line with Abeokuta, a town of about 150,000 inhabitants, lying on the eastern bank of the River Ogun, which the branch line crosses on a bridge 520 feet long. At about 80 miles the line takes a north-easterly direction, and reaches Ibadan at the $123\frac{1}{2}$ mile point. Ibadan is an important trade centre on one of the most frequented routes to the interior. It is stated to have about 200,000 inhabitants, and the greater part of railway traffic is received and delivered here.

Both at Ibadan and Iddo large stations with extensive warehousing accommodation are provided. There is also a large depôt at Abeokuta, and besides the important junction at Aro there are 15 smaller stations.

The Extension of the railway to Oshogbo (60 miles) was completed in April, 1907, and was formally opened by His Excellency the Governor on the 23rd of that month.

It is expected that the rails will reach Ilorin within the early months of 1908, adding 62 miles to the length of railway open, making a total of 245 miles. A survey line is now nearly staked out to Jebba on the River Niger, but the construction of the length has not yet been sanctioned. The headquarters are at Ebute Metta, some three miles from Lagos. Here extensive locomotive and carriage sheds and large workshops have been erected.

The present European Staff numbers about 70.

The following table, extracted from the latest available managerial report (1906), gives some idea of the nature of the traffic carried by the railway :—

Palm kernels...	...	...	17,760 tons carried during 1906.			
Palm oil	...	...	1,321	"	"	"
Gin and spirits	...	...	4,396	"	"	"
Corrugated iron	...	...	595	"	"	"
Salt	...	...	4,318	"	"	"
Cotton goods...	...	...	965	"	"	"
Timber	...	...	1,064	"	"	"
Maize...	...	...	2,207	"	"	"

The rolling stock has recently been augmented to deal with increased traffic and mileage, and there are now 21 locomotives (not including three small tramway engines). The latter and heavier type are 8-coupled, weighing $63\frac{1}{2}$ tons with tender, with 17-inch cylinders, 21-inch stroke. These locomotives haul the maximum train load of 220 tons over the steepest gradients. There are 33 passenger carriages and brake vans, the third-class seating 60, and the composite seating 8 first and 26 second. There are 197 wagons, mostly bogie stock. The

the left bank about 15 miles below Akwete. The creek is narrow, but deep, with a strong current, and has lately been opened up for canoe traffic to just beyond Aba, which is now the headquarters of the Government in this District.

Clearing work has been actively carried on up the Imo River for several years now. The result has been a considerable increase in trade throughout the district. The Otamini is now in the course of being cleared.

The Kwa-Ibo River, situated between the Opobo and Calabar Rivers, is not approachable by large steamers, having a shallow and changing bar.

Launch navigation is possible to Enen, and the river has been opened up for canoe traffic to Abong-Abong, about 85 miles from the sea.

Communication with Opobo is only possible by canoe, the connecting creek being very shallow, narrow, and close to the sea.

Calabar, formerly known as Old Calabar (Native Town, Duke Town), is situated about 25 miles up the Calabar River, 5 miles above its junction with the Cross River, and some 40 miles from the fairway buoy.

The river has no bar, but a series of long flats with a depth in the seaward channel at high water of 23 feet.

The river entrance is about 11 miles wide, open to the southward, and gradually narrows to some 800 yards as one approaches Duke Town. The channel is well buoyed, the minimum depth being 14 feet at low water. The rise and fall is about 19 feet at spring and 8 feet at neaps.

The river is not navigable by ocean-going steamers for any distance above Duke Town. Launches can proceed as far as Okoyon, and a pinnace as far as Uwet, about 50 miles above Calabar, where there is a Government rest house. Stone quarries have been opened up in the Ekoi Creek, a short distance below Okoyon.

Lower down, between Parrot Island and the sea, the Kwa and Akwayafe Rivers join forces with the main river from the eastward. Both these rivers are navigable by launches for a distance of about 40 miles, when waterfalls impede further progress.

The Cross River proper has a general trend from Parrot Island to the north-north-west. It flows into the main river through several different channels, the principal and deepest of which enters just opposite Seven Fathom Point, and is known by the name of Ikonetu Creek. These channels gradually emerge into one main stream about 3 miles below Ikorofiong, from which point the general direction of the river is due north as far as Ungwana, about 140 miles from the sea.

Here the river makes a turn to the eastward as far as Ogurude, just above which is the junction with the Ewayon River, an important waterway of considerable length which flows in from the north.

From here onwards the general direction is south-east as far as the rapids, a narrow defile on the borders of German territory, about 210 miles from Duke Town.

The Cross River is tidal to Itu in the dry season. Above that station it commences to rise towards the end of April, and reaches its highest about the beginning of September. The river falls slightly at the beginning of October, but rises again a few feet at the end of that month, when it again falls rapidly, reaching its lowest in March.

The Cross River is navigable by launch in the wet season as far as Abokum on the German frontier.

At a distance of 40 miles above Duke Town are the Government brickfields and sawmills, and at Itu, 10 miles further up river, by the Enyong Creek on the left bank, is the route to Aro-Chuku and Ikot-Ekpene.

MAIL LAUNCH SERVICES.

WESTERN PROVINCE.

The Eastern District Launch Service which leaves Lagos weekly for Sapele and *vice versa*, passes by way of Epe and Leckie, and thence to Siluko, calling at Atijere, Aboto, Arogbu and Koko (Benin River), which are the principal towns.

The Western District Launch Service which leaves Lagos weekly for Porto Novo and *vice versa*, passes by way of Badagri.

CENTRAL PROVINCE.

The Niger Mail and Transport Service, which is controlled by the Northern Nigeria Government Marine Department, run by River Mail boats, leaves Burutu weekly, a few hours after the arrival of the Ocean Mail.

In addition to the above service, steam launches owned by this Government, under the control of the Senior Marine Officer, Forcados, run weekly between Forcados, Warri and Sapele.

EASTERN PROVINCE.

The Akassa-Bonny-Opobo Mail Launch and Transport Service leaves Akassa and Opobo weekly with homeward and outward Mail, after every three and 11 days, the former calling at Brass, Degema, Bugama and Bakana.

The Cross River Mail and Transport Service run weekly by launches and river craft, leaving Calabar every Friday morning, passing by way of the Brickfields, Itu, Afikpo, Ediba, Obubra and Ikom.

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Nun Branch.

Akassa.

Ekau ... 25

Sabagreia ... 50

Sterling L. ... 96

Agberi ... 100

... 85

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Akassa „ Brass	17	
Brass „ Degema	90	
„ „ Bonny	110	Direct.
Degema „ Egwanga	70	
„ „ Bonny	45	
Bonny „ Egwanga	40	
„ „ Opobo	45	
Opobo „ Egwanga	9	
Egwanga „ Akwete	40	

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Ebute Metta.	Cross River Stations.	WARRI.
Abeokuta	Bende.	SAPELE.
Abeokuta—Igbein Hill	Okuni.	ABO.
IBADAN.	Obubra.	ONITSHA.
Badagry.	Ikot-Ekpene.	IDAH.
Epe.	Aro Chuku.	*Ifon.
JEBU-ODE.	Afikpo.	*Asaba.
*Siluko.	BONNY.	*Koko Town (Benin River).
Ikorodu.	Owerri.	Kwale.
	OPOBO.	Agbor.
	DEGEMA.	

Western Province.

Shagamu.

Shaki.

Ilesha.

Oyo.

Oshogbo.

Ode-Ondo.

† Agege.

† Otto.

† Ifo.

† Itori.

† Aro.

† Abeokuta.

† Eruwa Road.

† Oloke-Meji

† Lalupon.

† Iwo.

† Ileḡbo.

† Ede.

Eastern Province.

BRASS.

Akassa.

*Aba.

*Bakana.

*Bugama.

*Opobo Town.

Central Province.

Ishan.

Awka.

MAIL SERVICES.

Western Province.

Lagos for Ebute Metta, Aro, Abeokuta, Ibadan,	}	Daily (railway).
Oshogbo, Ilesha, Akure, Ode Ondo		
Lagos for Topo and Porto Novo, Badagry	}	Wednesday (launch).
Lagos for Epe, Jebu Ode, Leckie, Ayetoro, Atijere,		
Aboto, Igbekebo, Igbo, Benin Ayede, Agbaje, Arogbo,	}	Thursday (launch).
Akotogbo, Siluko, Koko Town, Sapele		
Lagos for Ikorodu and Shagamu	}	Tuesday (canoe).
Lagos for Bonny, Calabar, and all stations in		
Eastern Province	}	Alternate Saturdays (mail steamer).
Lagos for Forcados and all stations in Central		
Province and Lokoja	}	Every Saturday (mail steamer).
Ibadan for Oyo, Iseyin, Ogbomosho, Shaki...		
„ Lalupon, Iwo, Ileḡbo, Ede, Oshogbo, ...	}	Daily (motor wagon and runners).
„		
„ Lalupon, Iwo, Ileḡbo, Ede, Oshogbo, ...	}	Daily (railway).
„		

Central Province.

Forcados for Burutu, Gana-Gana, Assaye, Abo,	}	Weekly (launch).
Opai, Munankor, Atani, Oguta, Abutshi, Onitsha,		
Oka, Asaba, Illah, Illushi, Idah and Lokoja		
„		

* Postal Agencies.

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MAIL SERVICE—*continued.*

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Forcados for Warri	Weekly (launch).
Forcados for Sapele, Benin River, Benin City, Ifon, Agbor, Kwale, Ishan, Agbegor, Koko, Egoro, Miller's Factory, Bleasby's Factory	Weekly (launch and runners).
Onitsha for Ogrugu	
	Fortnightly (canoe).

Eastern Province.

Calabar for Bonny via Oron, Eket and Opobo	Weekly (launch, canoe, and runners).
„ Itu, Afikpo, Ediba, Obubra, Okuni, Abokum (German territory), and all Cross River stations	Friday (launch, canoe, and runners).
Calabar for Iket-Ekpene and Oyo	
„ Aro-Chuku and Bende	Friday (launch, canoe, and runners).
„ Bonny, Forcados, Lagos	Alternate Saturdays mail steamer.
„ Ikang	Saturday (canoe).

INLAND POSTAL RATES.

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Parcels exceeding 3 lbs. not exceeding 7 lbs.	0	11
Parcels exceeding 7 lbs. not exceeding 11 lbs.	1	3
Newspapers and book packets per 2 ozs.	0	0½
Post cards, each	0	0½
Registration fee	0	2
Registered letter envelopes G size, 6 inches by 3½ inches, registration fee included	0	2½
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The river entrance is about 11 miles wide, open to the southward, and gradually narrows to some 800 yards as one approaches Calabar. The channel is well buoyed, the minimum depth being 14 feet at low water. The rise and fall is about 19 feet at spring and 8 feet at neaps.

The river is not navigable by ocean-going steamers for any distance above Duke Town. Launches can proceed as far as Okoyong, and a pinnacle as far as Uwet, about 50 miles above Calabar, where there is a Government rest house. Stone quarries have been opened up in the Ekoi River, a short distance below Okoyong.

Lower down, between Parrot Island and the sea, the Kwa and Akwayafe Rivers join forces with the main river from the eastward. Both these rivers are navigable by launches for a distance of about 40 miles, when waterfalls impede further progress.

The Cross River proper has a general trend from Parrot Island to the north-north-west. It flows into the main river through several different channels, the principal and deepest of which enters just opposite Seven Fathom Point, and is known by the name of Ikonetu Creek. These channels gradually emerge into one main stream about 4 miles below Ikot Offiong, from which point the general direction of the river is due north as far as Ungwana, about 140 miles from the sea.

Here the river makes a turn to the eastward as far as Ogrude, just above which is the junction with the Ewayon River, an important waterway of considerable length which flows in from the north.

From here onwards the general direction is south-east as far as the rapids, a narrow defile on the borders of German territory, about 210 miles from Calabar.

The Cross River is tidal to Itu in the dry season. Above that station it commences to rise towards the end of April, and reaches its highest about the beginning of September. The river falls slightly at the beginning of October, but rises again a few feet at the end of that month, when it again falls rapidly, reaching its lowest in March.

The Cross River is navigable by launch in the wet season as far as Obokum on the German frontier.

At a distance of 40 miles above Calabar are the Government brickfields and sawmills, and at Itu, 10 miles further up river, by the Enyong River on the left bank, is the route to Aro-Chuku and Ikot-Ekpene.

MAIL LAUNCH SERVICES.

WESTERN PROVINCE.

There are two Government mail launch services in the Western Province, one running weekly from Lagos to Sapele (in the Central Province) and vice versa, calling at Artijere, Aboto, Arogho, Epe, Siluko and Koko Town which are the principal places en route ; the other westward, also weekly, from Lagos to Porto-Novo (French Dahomey) and vice versa touching at Badagri and Topo. These services are occasionally subject to changes which depend on the ocean mails.

In addition there is a motor barge running between Lagos, Ejinrin and Epe, capable of carrying 60 tons of cargo and accommodating about 200 deck passengers. This service was commenced in August 1908 with the view of assisting the native traders who travel from Lagos to Ejinrin and Epe to attend the large markets held there ; it is so arranged as to fit in with the market days and leaves Lagos every eighth day.

CENTRAL PROVINCE.

The Niger Mail and Transport Service, which is controlled by the Northern Nigeria Government Marine Department, run by river mail boats, leaves Burutu weekly, a few hours after the arrival of the ocean mail.

In addition to the above service, steam launches owned by this Government, under the control of the Senior Marine Officer, Forcados, run weekly between Forcados, Warri and Sapele.

EASTERN PROVINCE.

The Akassa-Bonny-Opobo Mail Launch and Transport Service leaves Akassa and Opobo weekly with homeward and outward mails, after every three and 11 days, the former calling at Brass, Degema, Bugama and Bakana.

The Cross River Mail and Transport Service run weekly by launches and river craft, leave Calabar every Friday morning, passing by way of the Brickfields, Itu, Afikpo, Ediba, Obubra and Ikom.

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Badagri.	Ikot-Ekpene.	IDAH.
Epe.	Aro-Chuku.	*Ifon.
IJEBU-ODE.	Afikpo.	*Asaba.
*Siluko.	BONNY, C.O.D.	*Koko Town (Benin River).
Ikorodu.	Owerri.	Kwale.
	OPOBO, C.O.D.	*Aghor.
	DEGEMA.	

* Postal Agencies.

Western Province.

Shagamu.
 Shaki.
 Ilesha.
 Oyo.
 Oshogbo.
 Ondo.
 †Agege.
 †Otta.
 †Ifa.
 †Itori.
 †Aro.
 †Abeokuta.
 †Eruwa Road.
 †Oloke Meji.
 †Lalupon.
 †Iwo.
 †Ile-Igbo.
 †Ede.

Eastern Province.

*Oron.
 *Ikang.
 Itu.
 BRASS.
 Akassa.
 *Aba.
 *Bakana.
 *Bugama.
 *Opobo Town.
 *Duke Town (Calabar).
 *Creek Town.
 *Nsokpo.
 Oban.
 Okigwi.
 Ogoja.
 Obudu.

Central Province.

*Munankor.
 *Atani.
 Burutu.
 Ubiaja (Ishan).
 Awka.

MAIL SERVICES.

Western Province.

Lagos for Ebute Metta, Aro, Abeokuta, Ibadan,	}	Daily (railway).
Oshogbo, Ilesha, Akure, Ondo		
Lagos for Topo and Porto Novo, Badagri	}	Tuesday (launch).
Lagos for Epe, Ijebu Ode, Lekki, Ayetoro, Atijere,		
Aboto, Gbekebe, Igbo-Bini, Aiyede, Agbaje, Arogbo,	}	Monday (launch).
Akot-Ogbo, Siluko, Koko Town, Sapele... ..		
Lagos for Ikorodu and Shagamu	}	Saturday (canoe).
Lagos for Ilorin and Jebba		
Lagos for Forcados, all stations in Central Province	}	Every Friday (mail steamer).
and Lokoja, Bonny, Calabar and all stations in Eastern Province		
Ibadan for Oyo, Iseyin, Ogbomoso, Shaki... ..	}	Daily (motor wagon and runners).
„ Lalupon, Iwo, Ile-Igbo, Ede, Oshogbo... ..		
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Central Province.

Forcados for Burutu, Gana-Gana, Aseh, Abo, Okpai,	}	Weekly (launch).
Munankor, Atani, Oguta, Abutshi, Onitsha, Awka, Asaba,		
Illah, Illushi, Idah and Lokoja (N. Nigeria)	}	

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Onitsha for Ogrugru	
	Weekly (canoe).

Eastern Province.

Calabar for Oron and Eket	Weekly (launch and runners).
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Ocean Mails.

There is a regular weekly mail service with Europe leaving Calabar and Bonny every Saturday and Sunday respectively, and Forcados and Lagos every Monday and Tuesday respectively. German mail steamers also leave Lagos for Europe on the 12th of each month.

United Kingdom, Colonial and Foreign Postage Rates.

The postage to the United Kingdom, West African Colonies and almost all British possessions, Egypt and British Post Office Agencies in Morocco, is as under :—

Letters, per 1 oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	1d.
Letters to all foreign countries, except those mentioned above,	}					$2\frac{1}{2}$ d.
per 1 oz. or part thereof						...
And for every additional oz.	...	...	...	...	...	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Post cards, to such places as they are available	...	...	...	...	...	1d.
Reply post cards	"	"	...	...	...	2d.
Newspapers	...	...	}			$\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Books printed, per 2 ozs.	...	...		
Papers, &c.	...	...		
Commercial papers, for first 10 ozs. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	$2\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Commercial papers for every additional 2 ozs. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Parcels—

For the United Kingdom and West African Colonies, as under :—

	s.	d.
Not exceeding 3 lbs.	...	1 0
Exceeding 3 lbs. but not exceeding 7 lbs.	...	2 0
" 7 lbs. " " 11 lbs.	...	3 0

For other British possessions and foreign countries—

According to varying rates, information concerning which may be obtained at any Post Office.

The maximum weight of a parcel is limited to 11 lbs. and the dimensions must not exceed $3\frac{1}{4}$ feet in either length, breadth, or depth, or 6 feet in length and girth combined