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KILINDINI HARBOUR WORKS. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
No 14.

Trs copy of Consulting Engineers' report
for quarter ended 31st March. Letter of 1st May
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nicated to Consulting Engineers.

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18th May, 1926.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies present their
compliments to the Under Secretary of State and request
that paragraph 13 of the latest quarterly report on the
progress of the Kilindini Harbour Works (a copy of which
accompanied their letter of 6th May) may be deleted, as
the supply of the Electric Cranes, (herein referred to,
forms part of the Contract for the construction of
the works.

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6th May, 1925.

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Sir,

with reference to your letter of the 30th November, 1924, No. 41690, I have the honour to transmit for the information of the Secretary of State, the enclosed copy of progress report No. 14 on the Kiliassal Harbour Works, covering the quarter ending 31st March, 1925.

2. I take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your letter ^{C.A.} No. 19253/1925 of 1st May and its enclosure relative to the delay in completing this contract. A copy has been communicated to the consulting engineers.

I have the honour to be,

sir,

Your obedient servant,

W.A. Bickhart
For Crown Agents.

Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

2nd May, 1922.

WEST BARRAGE.
FINISHED WORK ON QUAY.
REMARKS ON WORK DONE ON 1st

Sir,

We have to report as follows on the progress of the Harbour works at Milford during the quarter ended 31st March, 1922.

1. Dredging. The dredging of the wharf wall trench and in front of the wall has continued, but for the greater part of the quarter the work was only carried on during the day time.

2. Excavation. This has proceeded by hand. A start has been made to form a definite of carrying road at the north end of the works.

3. Blockwork Wall. The progress on the wall has been disappointing. It had been hoped that block-setting would have been completed during the quarter, but 150 blocks remained to be set at the end of the quarter.

4. Superstructure. The building of the above concrete superstructure is as close up to the block-setting as it is possible to bring it.

5. Abutment. Work is progressing slowly.

6. Coastal backing. This has followed close on to the block-setting.

The Chief Engineer,
The Crown Agents for The Colonies.

8. Surfacing of Quay. A start has been made to lay the rubble bottoming and steam roll it, working from the south end northwards.

9. Crane Road. A considerable length of the outer crane rail has been laid in position and a start has been made to lay the inner crane rail.

10. Pile Driving. The driving of the piles for Shed No. 1. has been completed but the progress has been poor. As a result of representations to the Contractors an experienced pile driving Foreman has been obtained from England, and took up his duties early in March.

11. Shed superstructure. The improvement in progress anticipated at the end of December 1944, did not take place, and the construction of the Sheds is very much behind hand. At the end of the quarter the main and intermediate beams of the first floor had been completed for 161 feet from the south end, and a length of 92 feet of flooring laid thereon. Work is proceeding on the columns and roof also the first floor. A slight improvement in the progress took place in March, but the work is still going on very slowly. Strong representations have been made and are being made to the Contractors in this connection. Most of the stockwork for the Sheds is now on the site.

12. Roads. The 80 ft. roadway at the north end of Shed No. 1. has been formed and some pitching laid.

13. Electric Cranes. Two 3 ton wharf cranes, two 1 ton crane for warehouse cranes, and five fixed cranes were due for delivery in England in January. At the end of the quarter none of them were ready. The

Contractors attribute the delay to the difficulty in getting the electrical parts from the makers.

14. **Material.** The expectation that progress would improve, especially on the Works, expressed in paragraph 13 of our last quarterly report, has not been fulfilled. Progress during the quarter has been painfully slow. There were slight signs of improvement at the end of the quarter, the Contractors having strengthened their supervising staff, and the local labour having become more used to this class of work, but the first 7 days of No. 1, steel which it was confidently hoped would be ready by 1st May, will not be ready before August. The Contractors have now given 31st August, 1934, as the date at which they anticipate completing the contract. A separate communication has been addressed to you on this subject.

15. **Labour.** The number of men employed on the works at the end of March was as follows:-

Europeans	66.
Asiatians	208.
Africans	1010.
			<u>1284</u>

16. **Monthly Payments.** Certificate payments have been made to the Contractors for the past quarter for the total amount of £67,000 made up as follows:-

For January 1935	...	£23,700
For February	...	£18,000
For March	...	£25,300
		<u>£67,000.</u>

which with the previous sum of £225,000 paid to the Contractors for work done up to the 31st December, 1934,

when a total of 2000,000 paid to the Contractors for
work done up to 31st March, 1922.

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Yours truly,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

FOR GOVERNMENT, STRAIGHTON, WILSON, & MITCHELL.

(Signed) H. W. Mitchell