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- Mr. Wood
- Mr. Churchill

MASIN GISHU RAILWAY

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PROGRESS REPORT DECEMBER 1921

Encloses.

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- 3. 4. The duration of the last, I think, of the last, suggestions
- 9. This has been mentioned in connection with the minutes given for the same. I do not see much difficulty for it.
- 14. There are now 14. in the letter from T.T.

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UGANDA RAILWAY

UASIN GISHU KAKUMBYON.

Monthly Report for the month ending 31st December, 1921.

IMPROVEMENT OF ALIGNMENT.

The study of the alignment directed to reduce intensity of work and to improve the conditions under which the Railway will operate has been continued during the month, resulting in the adoption of minor alterations from Mile 5 to Mile 8 and from Mile 75 to Mile 85. The alignment of the first spiral, Mile 56 1/2 to Mile 57 1/2, has also been carefully considered and improvements effected. Construction is not permitted to commence in any section until the alignment therein is adjusted to fit the country so as to necessitate the least expenditure while obtaining a good working line.

2. During the month the comparative estimate of the alignment over the lower saddle at the Summit as proposed and surveyed under the orders of Mr Ashley Clarke, lately Acting Survey Engineer, and referred to in paragraphs 10 and 11 of my Report No. 14 for November, 1921, has been completed and the proposed alignment inspected by me. From the estimate based upon the result of the detailed survey it emerges that the length of the lower saddle route is .34 miles longer than the route previously recommended. The adoption of the lower saddle route would also necessitate an additional expenditure of £12,807.5V for the removal of 95,000 cubic feet of earthwork and rock in excess of that required on the higher route.

3. These figures confirm the result of my reconnaissance of this route made in November and December of 1920 which shows that while 59 feet lower than the one adopted the route was longer and necessitated heavier earthwork than required on the higher saddle route. The higher saddle route is therefore adhered to.

ACQUISITION OF LAND.

4. Plans have been submitted to the Commissioner of Lands showing the farms traversed by the Railway from Nakuru to Mile 90 with application for authority to enter thereon for purposes of constructing the Railway. As reported in para 14 of Report No. 14 of November 1921, authority has been received to enter upon the farms along the route to Mile 54.

COLLECTIVE WORKS.

5. The contractors have erected a camp at Mile 5 for the reception and accommodation of labour. The connection from the Uganda Railway to the Nakuru Junction Store Yard (Mile 5) has been completed for a length of about 1/2 mile.

6. Pending the erection of the permanent construction office the Contractor has rented suitable office accommodation at Nakuru. The Government office remains at Nairobi pending the provision of accommodation at the site of the Headquarters of Construction near Mile 57 1/2 on the Railway. 19 Assistant Resident Engineers are stationed on the works. The Resident Engineer was on the site of works for fifteen days of the month.

DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES
FROM EUROPE.

8. Stores arrived on the following ships during the month:
 S.S. Oshin, 122 tons
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9. When in London I arranged with the Contractors that they should submit a weekly statement showing orders placed by them during the week, together with the name of supplier, value of order placed and probable date of delivery at the works in England, and also that they should forward for my information the usual invoice. To date no such information has been supplied; I have taken the matter up with the Contractors. However I am not completely informed as to what stores and materials have actually arrived and in the absence of information on the matter from the Contractors will forward the Chief Accountant complete the audit of the Contractors Accounts for December, 1941.

9. Some delay also occurred owing to the question of the payment of custom dues on import of stores and materials for the construction of the Railway. I have discussed the position with the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and expect that the Government will issue the necessary orders to enable all Railway stores to enter the Colony without payment of custom duties and avoid further delay.

10. The Contractors have appointed a sub-storekeeper at Kibaha to take delivery of materials and arrangements have been completed with the Uganda Railway for forwarding as quickly as possible to Sakwa Store Yard.

PROGRESS OF WORK.

11. The Contractors have commenced operations at three points on the Railway, Mile 5 and Mile 24; work at these places being given out on sub-contract.

12. The Contractors individual efforts have been confined to the execution of preliminary work at camp, siding etc. and has been restricted by the labour they have available.

RECRUITMENT OF LABOUR.

13. Although the Contractor has 500 men on the work, the sub-contractors having 250.

14. It is perhaps too early to criticize the results of the Contractor's efforts to obtain labour. The Contractor's agent recently visited the recruiting agent at Kibaha in order to hasten their efforts and the Managing Director with Recruiting Agents has left Nairobi for Tanganyika to recruit labour from that Colony. Some time must elapse before the result of these efforts become apparent but I have discussed the situation with him and believe they are alive to the necessity for immediate and energetic action being taken.

CONTRACTORS STAFF.

16. The Contractors Staff consists of:-

Agent.....	1
Deputy Agent.....	1
Engineers.....	12
Clerks.....	1
Accountants.....	2
Medical Officer.....	1
Storekeeper & Staff.....	5
Transport.....	1
Labour.....	1
Total.....	25

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GOVERNMENT STAFF.

17. The Government Staff consists of:-

Resident Engineer.....	1
Deputy Resident Engineer.....	1
Assistant Resident Engineers.....	2
Accountants.....	1
Accounts Staff.....	4
Office Superintendent.....	1
Clerks.....	2
Draughtsmen.....	2
Total.....	14

18. The following officers have joined the Staff during the month, Messrs Osborne, Torr, Forgan, Stokes, Mathias, Watson, Winsen and Wells. The Hon. E. Naylor joined here being appointed to the position of Deputy Resident Engineer. Two members of the Uganda Railway accounts branch and one Draughtsman were appointed.

FINANCE SURVEY ACCOUNTS.

19. The Expenditure on the Survey now included in the general account as I. Preliminary Expenditure to the end of October and including London Expenditure is:-

	£s.
(A) Survey Expenses	77854.56
(B) Plans.....	46250.85
(C) (1) Salaries.....	51223.14
(2) Travelling Allowances.....	55242.41
(3) Office Contingencies.....	15222.29
(D) Home Charges.....	12545.00
Total.....	208354.05

20. Steps are being taken to transfer at a valuation the plant standing at the account I.b to I.c (Plant Construction) and III.b. VI. (General Charges Instruments). The present of Plant being debited to the latter heads and credited to the former.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNTS.

21. Charges to the Construction Headwork only permitted in this country with effect from 1st December. The accounts for the month not having been yet audited will be reported next month.

Nairobi.
7th January, 1922.

Resident Engineer,
Uasin Gishu Railway.

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	Fls.
(A) Survey Expenses	77654.26
(B) Plant.....	46250.85
(C) (1) Salaries.....	21223.14
(2) Travelling Allowances.....	35242.41
(3) Office Contingencies.....	15622.29
(D) Home Charges.....	12545.00
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