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CENSUS OF NAIROBI.

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Mr. Butler.

? Ack & say that I.S. notes the satisfactory increase in the European population of Nairobi since the last census; and express satisfaction at the careful way in which the census was organised and carried out.

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Governor's Office,

Nairobi,

September 14th 1909.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter with enclosures from the Provincial Commissioner, Nairobi, relative to the census which has recently been taken.

2. Your Lordship will observe that there were a large number absent from Nairobi on the night on which the census was taken and consequently the total of 14,161 is less than the real average population.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

H.M. Principal Secretary of State  
for the Colonies,  
Downing Street,  
London, S.W.

Nairobi

INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 54 of 1909

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No. 156/27 Provincial Commissioner's Office  
Nairobi.

September 10th, 1909

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Sir:-

I have the honour to submit for His Excellency's information the report on the Census of Nairobi Township <sup>area</sup> taken on the night of the 30th. of August .

The last census was taken on November 2nd. 1906 and thus practically three years have elapsed between the two.

The collection of a greater amount of details was undertaken on this occasion and the results are of considerable interest.

I would call attention to the following points-

- (1) The increase of European Community from 579 to 799 and the increase of European children from 110 to 303, this is, if it is considered, a very satisfactory sign of growth.
- (2) The enumerators estimate that several hundred Asiatics and Africans temporarily left the town on the night of the census to avoid being counted.
- (3) About 18 Europeans and 500 Africans are away from the Main Army lines being on service in Somaliland.
- (4) Mr. G. B. Williams in his report on the Sanitation of Nairobi estimated the growth of the population at 5 years intervals, taking 3/5 of the expected

Secretary to the Administration  
Nairobi

increase between 1906 and 1911 we get a statement which is surprisingly near the census now taken as will be seen by the table given below:-

| Mr. Williams' estimate for 1909 exclusive of Military lines | Actual census <sup>1909</sup> exclusive of Military lines |
|---|---|
| Europeans   | 888   |
| Eurasians   | 79  |
| Geneese   | 590   |
| Asiaties  | 3,608   |
| Africans  | 3,040   |
|   | <hr/>   |
|   | 14,100  |
|   | <hr/>   |
|   | 788   |
|   | 76  |
|   | 579   |
|   | 3,126   |
|   | 8,317   |
|   | <hr/>   |
|   | 12,786  |

(5) In using the census figures for the purpose of calculating the amount of water required by the town, allowance should be made for the crews and their officers now away in Swatiland and for the Africans and Asiatics who abscond to avoid enumeration, the following is believed to be the gross total allowing for these additions:

Gross estimated total population for purposes of water supply based on 1909 census.

(including Military lines)

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Europeans | 818    |
| Eurasians | 76     |
| Geneese   | 600    |
| Asiaties  | 3,400  |
| Africans  | 10,300 |
|           | <hr/>  |
|           | 15,194 |

I would venture to call attention to the careful way in which the census was carried out and thanks are due to Messrs. McClellan and Sanderson for the necessary organization.

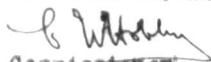
As there is considerable interest in the progress of the town I beg to seek His Excellency's permission to communicate the census reports to the press and venture to suggest that the Colonial Office might be interested to receive this information if they are considering the question of the Nairobi Water Supply.

(6) One remark as to cost, the census of 1906 cost Rs.300/ which works out at 2.6 cents per head, the one just made cost Rs.401/70 which works out at 2.8 cents per head. Considering the scattered state of the population this is, it is considered, an extremely low rate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.



Provincial Commissioner

MUNICIPAL OFFICES,

NAIROBI,

7th. September, 1909.

The Hon'ble the Ag. Deputy Governor

Nairobi, E.A.P.

Sir,

We the undersigned have the honour to submit the results of the Census of Nairobi which was taken on the night of August 30th.

The method of enumeration was as follows:-

The Township was divided into XII. Districts. Census forms were delivered by hand at all houses of Europeans on the 27th & 28th, filled in on the 30th and collected by hand on the 31st. The remainder of the inhabitants were enumerated on the night of August 30th. by the Census Staff, with the exception of Districts Nos. 9 to 12 in which the census was taken departmentally

The Census staff consisted of 25 Europeans and 21 Goan Clerks, and were assisted by 2 Police Officers and 50 Police. A meeting of all those engaged in the Census was held on the 27th. at the Municipal Offices, when the various districts were allotted, and the necessary instructions were given. Each man went over his district and familiarised himself with its details before the night of the 30th.

The work of enumeration was carefully done and no pains were spared to obtain accurate results.

Natives and Asiatics were personally counted and classified by enumerators. Little or no obstruction was offered by the inhabitants. The night was wet, few people were met out of doors, and all who were encountered in the streets were stopped and enumerated.

The returns shew material increase in the European population but there is good reason to suppose that the number is considerably below the normal total of Europeans. The town was unusually empty at the time of the census, and very few visitors were staying at the Hotels.

The returns for Wards I & II. are distinctly disappointing. The Municipal and Police Inspectors attribute this to the objection prevalent among Asiatics and Africans to being enumerated and consider that large number of both races temporarily left the town to avoid the census.

The Indian Bazaar was very thinly populated on the night of the census, and the total is less than it was in 1906 for this district, although in 1906 it was known that a large number of Asiatics had left the town prior to the census. It is noticeable that in both wards the number of women is disproportionately small. The Police consider that at least 300 women were absent from the Bazaar alone on the night of the census.

There is no doubt that apart from the objections felt by certain sections of the coloured community to having their dwellings <sup>thoroughly</sup> examined by Police and Municipal Inspectors, there is a widespread feeling that the census is taken with a view to taxation or to proceedings for overcrowded tenements, although measures were taken to dispel this illusion some days before the night of the census.

The area over which the census was conducted is 7½ square miles approximately.

The total cost of the census was Rs. 401/70.

With regard to the census forms, the general form marked "A" was approved by the Municipal Committee and printed before your instructions were received as to the form marked "B" 2. The former however was only issued to European householders: the latter was used by the enumerators in the Native Villages and all the other Wards.

The following tables are enclosed:-

- (A) The Census form for householders.
- (B) The general form for Enumerators.
- (B.2) The form for enumerating Africans.
- (C) The detailed Census returns for 1909.
- (D) Comparative extract of Census of 1909 & 1906.
- (E) Ditto. Exclusive of Military Lines.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

Chairman

Municipal Committee.

*Sd. E. L. Sanderson*

Town Clerk.



# Census

## Nairobi Townships

### August 30<sup>th</sup> 1909.

| Ward N° 1  | Ward N° 2  |       |         |       | Ward N° 3  |       |         |       | Ward N° 4   |       |         |       | Ward N° 5   |       |         |       | Ward N° 6  |       |         |       | Ward N° 7                                   |       |         |       | Ward N° 8                    |       |         |       | Ward N° 9  |       |         |     | Ward N° 10        |     |     |     | Ward N° 11 |  |  |  |
|--|--|-------|---------|-------|--|-------|---------|-------|---|-------|---------|-------|---|-------|---------|-------|--|-------|---------|-------|---|-------|---------|-------|------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|--|-------|---------|-----|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|--|--|--|
| Native villages, are bounded by New Line Road, Fort Hill Road, Race Course Road & Ngara Road | Municipal Land on both banks Nairobi River from East of Race Course Road to Municipal Boundary |       |         |       | South bank Nairobi River from Connaught Bridge to Ngara Bridge between Rail & w. of station from |       |         |       | North bank Nairobi River from Connaught Bridge to Ngara Bridge between Rail & Ngara River |       |         |       | The plain from Connaught Bridge to station bounded by Railway line to west & east of station & extension of Race Course Road to station |       |         |       | Railway Hill, Prater's Hill, Hospital Hill to Nairobi River west of Railway line |       |         |       | Parklands from Nairobi River to Lenana Road |       |         |       | Yellow Line, Railway Station |       |         |       | Railway Station, Connaught, Upper & Lower, Lower |       |         |     | D. & S. Compounds |     |     |     |            |  |  |  |
| Adults   | Children   |       | Adults  |       | Children   |       | Adults  |       | Children  |       | Adults  |       | Children  |       | Adults  |       | Children   |       | Adults  |       | Children                                    |       | Adults  |       | Children                     |       | Adults  |       | Children   |       | Adults  |     | Children          |     |     |     |            |  |  |  |
| Males  | Females  | Males | Females | Males | Females  | Males | Females | Males | Females   | Males | Females | Males | Females   | Males | Females | Males | Females  | Males | Females | Males | Females                                     | Males | Females | Males | Females                      | Males | Females | Males | Females  | Males | Females |     |                   |     |     |     |            |  |  |  |
|  | 17   | 14    | 10      | 11    |  |       |         |       |   |       |         |       |   | 134   | 38      | 31    | 29   | 95    | 68      | 15    | 17  | 83    | 58      | 52    | 21                           | 8     | 3       |       |  | 47    | 13      | 15  | 8                 | 1   | 1   |     |            |  |  |  |
|  | 1  | 1     |         |       |  |       |         |       |   |       |         |       |   | 12    | 2       | 2     | 3  |       |         |       |   |       |         |       |                              |       |         |       |  |       |         |     |                   |     |     |     |            |  |  |  |
| 3  | 2  | 6     | 31      | 15    | 19   | 10    | 3       | 1     | 1   | 3     | 14      | 1     | 2   | 4     | 1       | 1     | 187  | 10    | 7       | 3     | 34  | 1     | 1       | 4     |                              |       | 72      |       |  |       |         | 103 | 30                | 22  | 10  | 6   |            |  |  |  |
| 179  | 136  | 108   | 28      | 7     | 8  | 3     | 95      | 1     | 1   | 1     | 103     | 14    | 9   | 16    | 52      | 15    | 6  | 8     | 209     | 64    | 44  | 38    | 33      | 2     |                              |       | 28      | 10    | 6  | 6     | 40      | 30  | 118               | 105 | 127 | 5   | 5          |  |  |  |
| 1  |  | 108   | 64      | 45    |  | 3     | 6       |       |   | 2     |         | 4     | 1   | 1     | 24      | 1     | 1  |       |         |       |   |       |         |       |                              |       | 5       | 2     |  |       |         |     |                   |     |     |     |            |  |  |  |
| 16   |  | 219   | 26      | 7     |  | 16    | 19      | 10    |   | 7     |         | 22    | 6   | 2     |         | 9     | 1  |       |         |       |   |       |         |       |                              |       | 39      | 25    | 2  |       | 37      | 15  | 9                 | 100 | 9   |     |            |  |  |  |
| 27   | 2  | 828   | 293     | 166   |  | 319   | 99      | 31    |   | 254   | 63      | 26    |   | 286   | 56      | 32    |  | 778   | 114     | 39    |   | 409   | 34      | 27    |                              | 456   | 18      | 22    |  | 93    | 68      | 42  | 66                | 57  | 9   | 174 | 2          |  |  |  |
|  |  | 87    |         |       |  | 3     |         |       |   | 4     |         | 19    |   |       | 8       |       |  |       |         |       |   | 5     |         |       |                              | 5     |         |       |  | 1041  |         |     |                   |     |     |     |            |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1986  |         |       |  | 642   |         |       |   | 514   |         |       |   | 513   |         |       |  | 1962  |         |       |   | 743   |         |       |                              | 711   |         |       |  | 1375  |         |     |                   |     |     |     |            |  |  |  |



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## CENSUS RETURNS.

INCLUSIVE OF MILITARY LIST

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|  |       |           |       |
|--|-------|-----------|-------|
| Europeans  | 790   | Europeans | 579   |
| Eurasians  | 76    | Eurasians | 68    |
| Geese  | 591   | Geese     | 510   |
| Asiatics   | 3171  | Asiatics  | 3071  |
| Africans   | 9224  | Africans  | 9291  |
| ) Somalis. 307.<br>) Coast<br>) Natives. 780<br>)<br>) Upcountry<br>) Natives. 7922<br>)<br>) Miscellaneous<br>) Natives. 1219 |       |           |       |
| Total  | 14161 | Total     | 13614 |

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EXCLUSIVE OF MILITARY LINES

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|     |                               |              |              |              |
|-----|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|     | Euro; eans                    | 788          | Euro; eans   | 559          |
|     | Eurasians                     | 76           | Eurasians    | 63           |
|     | Goanese                       | 579          | Goanese      | 489          |
|     | Asiatics                      | 3126         | Asiatics     | 3020         |
| ASS | Swalis                        | 300          | Africans     | 7371         |
|     | Coast and German E.A. Natives | 710          |              |              |
|     | Up-country Natives            | 7079         |              |              |
|     | Miscellaneous                 | 178          |              |              |
|     | <b>Total</b>                  | <b>18786</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>11502</b> |

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*Mr. Girard* *London*

*21 Oct 1904*

MINUTE.

- Mr. Jackson *officio*
- Mr. *Baker* 190-3
- Mr. Fiddes.
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir G. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- Lord Crewe.

*Sir,*

I have the honour to  
ack. the receipt of Mr.  
Jackson's despatch  
N° 526 of the 16<sup>th</sup> of  
Sept., ~~transmitting~~  
~~a letter from the~~  
~~the Provincial Council~~  
Hawaii, relating to  
the Census which  
has recently been  
taken.

is desirable.  
I am pleased to inform you  
that I have noted  
with ~~great~~ satisfaction

the increase of the  
European Community  
from 579 to 799

to the increase of  
European children  
from 110 to 203.

2. I should

be glad if you

would convey  
to the officers responsible  
~~the message of~~

for the conveyed the expression of  
my appreciation

~~to the officers~~

responsible concerned

both of the careful

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