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The Fildian - Extract from Minutes of 21st Meeting of TAMS Committee at Madras
The question of the use of Lymph was a topical
Africa was discussed together with a memorandum on the
subject by the Medical Secretary. The Committee agrees that
from the analysis of the results obtained from the West African
Dependencies, dried lymph appears most suitable for use up
country, and that lanced lymph has given good results
and near the coast line. They accordingly recommended the
use of dried lymph for a short time and suggested that
experiments should be made to ascertain if it would not be
advantageous to transfer the lymph in metal thermos flasks,
or packed in large boxes of saw dust. It was also decided
that the Medical Secretary should make enquiries as to
whether dried lymph is manufactured and can be obtained, in
this country.

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~~M. S. H.~~
Mr. Strachey
Mr. Read

The preliminary enquiries are too small & Dr. H. has not the result is in hand I think the best course will be for him to draft the first draft & then I will carry out of the rest examples.

Proposed

M. S. H.

Jones

Mr. Hadden

I have had an interview this morning with Mr. L. H. Taylor of the U.S. who informs me

The experience of Colonies in other parts of the world is much different from that of Great Britain & the Colonies in general. The experience of the Colonies is better than that of Great Britain & the Colonies in general.

The experience of the Colonies can be obtained from the U.S. & the Colonies & has already been supplied to the U.S. & the Colonies & has proved very satisfactory.

They will wish to be enquired as to their Thermos flask, a container, or similar articles.

M. S. H.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA,
November 5th 1910.

EAST AFRICA PROCEEDINGS

(Incl. 1)



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My Lord,

In reply to your Lordship's despatch No. 38 of January 24th last, I have the honour to transmit herewith a Report by the Principal Medical Officer, which, with its enclosures, deals fully with the question of the relative efficacy of local and imported supplies of vaccine lymph.

Your Lordship will observe that the results given by the former appear to be much superior and that the danger of introducing disease by its use is considered remote, if not non-existent.

The delay in replying to Your Lordship's despatch is due to the time necessarily taken up in collecting the requisite data.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's humble,
obedient servant,

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE EARL OF CREW, K.G.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

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Enclosure No

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Despatch No. 1660

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REPORT

LANOLINATED LYMPH

Three samples of lanolinated lymph in all have been received by parcel post and tested in this country.

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Obtained from	Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine.		
Date of Despatch	8. 12. 10	8. 8. 10	21. 8. 10
Quantity	4 tubes = 48	5 tubes = 72	5 tubes = 72
Form of Despatch	Suffracted tubes, silver cap, packed in cotton wool, wooden containers.		
Duration of Voyage	Three weeks		
Conditions of Transport at Board	Not known		
Date of Arrival	25. 1. 10	29. 8. 10	14. 9. 10
Conditions of Storage in Country	No special precautions taken, lymph on store until tested.		
Conditions of Storage in the Country	Barrow point, over 2,000 feet to 4,700 and also to sea level.		
Number of persons vaccinated	24	32	32
Number of persons vaccinated	10	58	72
Result - Successful	9	22	40
Modified	8		
Failed	0	27	32

I attach the reports of the Medical Officers

as regards the difficulties and demands attendant on the production of vaccine lymph in tropical Africa. It is noticed that two of the Medical Officers prefer the lymph of local manufacture.

For the sake of comparison the vaccination results returned in the Annual Medical Report for 1909

are inserted:-

Successful	87,881
Withdrawn	115
Failed	780
Unknown	29,269

This gives a slight percentage of successful results, under the climatic conditions of Nairobi, its manufacture is quite safe.

Apart from the inestimable advantage of having immediately at command as much vaccine lymph as the conditions of the country require, there is the question of cost. The Crown Agents list the Laminated Lymph at 5/- a tube of 12 vaccinations.

Local lymph is sold at 1/- a tube of 12 vaccinations.

In the manufacture of the lymph here, the calves are hired from a local dairy farm, kept under observation (temperature taken, blood examined, &c.) for a few days before being bled and, naturally, the only disease that has to be guarded against is Anthrax, as of the various blood diseases - trypanosomiasis, prioniasis, &c. - the parasites can

neither

neither resist treatment with glycerine nor drying

in vacuo.

to state that lymph sent from Nairobi to Uganda and Zanzibar (not packed on ice) has not given the good results detailed above, nor as good as those of the Bacteriological Institute in this Protectorate. The Bacteriologist in consequence has been experimenting with the preparation of vaccine dried in vacuo according to the method of Arhaine and Marie Philalix (Bull. Soc. Path. Exot. 1903, page 451 et seq.). Of two samples, one was prepared in a desiccator box in a person's hand for six months and was, over altitudes rising from 8,500 feet down to something under 2,000 feet, through almost every variety of country and climatic conditions that this Protectorate affords, including a month of sun-bitten lava-stricken desolation. It then lay on the laboratory table for three months more and, when used on a batch of 107 unselected subjects, gave 93 successful results. The other sample was the same on introducing vaccination several times

as in all previous attempts to send Bacteriological lymph had failed, giving a percentage of success of 75. Perhaps this method may appear the best solution of the difficulty of conveying and keeping active lymph into those regions where it is practically impossible to obtain a supply.

A. D. Milne
 PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER.

Nairobi
 November 2nd 1910.

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Health Office,
Bombay, 18th August 1910.

No. C. 177.5

In reply to your letter of 17th/8 dated 20/8/10 regarding the subject mentioned, I have the honour to forward the following information:

Unfortunately a large number of persons who were treated cannot be traced.

Total number of Successful & Modified & Killed
specimens.

Of the 7000 specimens, 1000 had been vaccinated 2 years previously.

Of the 7000 specimens, 2000 had been previously vaccinated.

Of the 7000 specimens, all had been previously vaccinated.

This compares unfavourably with the results shown up to date from CAMP 30.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,

The Principal Medical Officer,
Bombay.

Civil Hospital,

Kisumu.

31st October 1910.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 80/187/S of 30th August inst., I have the honour to forward the following results of vaccination obtained by using inactivated vaccine lymph.

Total number vaccinated	55
Successful	28
Unsuccessful	27
of pustules	108
Injections	280

None of those vaccinated had had Small Pox, four had been vaccinated previously unsuccessfully. A case showing two or more pustules was counted as successful.

I have etc., etc.

The Principal Medical Officer,

Nairobi.

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October 21st 1910

TO THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

Dear Sir, I have the honor to inform you that I have used the vaccine prepared by you in the treatment of lambs in the State of Iowa.

The results are as follows: 1. All lambs vaccinated with the vaccine prepared by you have recovered from the disease.

2. The lambs vaccinated with the vaccine prepared by you have recovered from the disease in a shorter period of time than those vaccinated with the vaccine prepared locally.

These results are not so good as those obtained with the vaccine prepared locally, which gave me 30 per cent in the first 72 vaccinations.

The conditions were identical in all respects on admission to the pen.

The instructions sent with the vaccine were fully carried out.

In conclusion, I may say that the vaccine prepared by you is of a higher quality than that prepared locally. It is a pity that the amount of vaccine required in this country is so small, as in this country, many thousands of lambs are raised annually.

USA

MEMORANDUM

On Vaccine Lymph used in West Africa.

The subject of the proposed manufacture of a vaccine lymph in West Africa has been under discussion for some time. The subject of practical difficulties has been discussed in the past and was successfully tried in West Africa. The illustration of this subject was sent to the various agencies. The vaccine lymph and material were received from the West Africa subject with some practical difficulties in favour of the vaccine lymph rather than manufacturing it in vaccine lymph in West Africa.

On the other hand the formation of a vaccine lymph in West Africa is a subject which has been discussed in the past and in a recent report of the West Africa subject. The vaccine lymph was forwarded to the West Africa subject and subsequently forwarded to the West Africa subject in a flask or food-container.

In the West Africa Protectorate, vaccine is manufactured locally and used with instructions for instance in the West Africa Protectorate, of 1,000 vaccinations of vaccine lymph in the West Africa Protectorate. The vaccine lymph was forwarded to the West Africa subject and subsequently forwarded to the West Africa subject in a flask or food-container.

In January 1910, a letter from the West Africa subject was addressed to the West Africa subject which was (3101/10) stating that it was not thought advisable for the present to institute local vaccine farms until the West Africa subject had demonstrated the success of the

Discriminated lymph, Dried Lymph, Ivory points, and
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 tribution to centres more or less removed from the
 African Coast-line, and with this object I have ap-
 pointed to tabulate the percentages of the ...
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In the last three groups of the table, that is to say, in those where vaccine is transported distances of 100 miles, 150 miles, and more, the vaccine has been used for the ordinary purposes of vaccination, and the results are, in general, not so good as in the case of the first two groups. The conditions are, of course, not the same, although the efficiency is of course affected by the length of time it is kept before use, and in the case of Kampala, on the Gold Coast, the lymph is said to have been kept in the station four months and that found to be almost worthless. In the case of Kampala, it is considered the vaccine results in estimating the percentage of failures of the vaccine, it would be quite fair to deduct a lymph which did not arrive at all as of your number in the vaccine prepared in an amount of 100.

The lymph of lymph fall into two places, moist and dried, and to be considered separately.

Moist Lymph

In the Gold Coast there is an increasing number of failures, the longer the journey, and the more the vaccine is kept before use.

In Southern Nigeria, the statistics do not afford much help. It is not clearly indicated in all cases, but the vaccine is more successful from dried lymph than from moist lymph.

As mammals can be gathered however the failures were not so great.

In Northern Nigeria, only one lot of lymph failed lymph (by red blood cell agglutination) was used at Kano. With it 1,000 persons were successfully vaccinated. After it had been in use for forty-one days and been kept in a "cooler" giving a failure percentage of 0.

In Kano (lymph by inland air service on a motor steamer) of a fortnight's duration the failures were 0.

In East Africa (Protectorate) within one day's journey from the shore the failures were as much as 10.

In Senegal (lymph forwarded in cold storage of ocean steamer) up to 1,000 miles inland the failures were only 5.

In the Gambia, a total of 1,000 was supplied to the Gambia and Sierra Leone.

In the Gambia, at Banjul, on the coast line the failures have only been about 5, but it is stated that the lymph was not successful up country, where no statistics are available.

In Sierra Leone, for distances up to 200 miles up country the failure amount to 2.

(In the case of both the Gambia and Sierra Leone, the lymph was carried in the "cooler" of the ocean steamer).

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In Northern Nigeria, it was forwarded from England by registered letter post and used as Bactchi, after travelling about 5 days by ordinary and remaining 3 days in a 'chamber' before use. It gave 100% failures - with a shorter travel, however, it gave 100% success.

Ivory Points, was extensively used in Southern Nigeria and appear to have produced 100% of failures, but, as I have said above, the statistics are not sufficiently clear to allow of certainty on this point.

In Nigeria vaccine lymph started on Ivory Points has been discontinued in favour of bacillated lymph, as it was not found satisfactory.

Ivory points do not appear to be in use in the other Colonies. Some information is available concerning them.

Field Lymph has been in use in the Gold Coast and in Western Nigeria. In the Gold Coast, the Institute of Therapeutic Bacteriology, Lagos, was 100 miles distant from the country, where 5000 people were vaccinated with it, it gave 100% failures, but on the other hand with a much larger number of vaccinations, with even more than 10000, it gave only 10% failures, still at a distance of 100 miles. The journey (by carrier) with the vaccine was the same as only amounted to 25.11.

In Northern Nigeria, dried lymph from the Bacteriological Institute was widely used and at varying distances from the coast. It was used in the Northern Nigeria, and in the Northern Nigeria, and in the Northern Nigeria. Dried lymph was not used in the Northern Nigeria.

which was forwarded by the West African Trade Association to the Colonial Office in September 1916 (1917) it will be seen that inoculated lymph is found to be more satisfactory than glycerinated lymph in India, and it is stated "Glycerinated vaccine cannot compete with lancet vaccine in the tropics."

Comparing the dried forms of lymph with the others, it is seen that in the Gold Coast at twenty one days up country, the dried lymph proved far more satisfactory than the lancet, while in Northern Nigeria it was much better than the glycerinated lymph although the lancet lymph (with which only fifteen vaccinations were performed) gave no failures. In Southern Nigeria the ivory points were chiefly used, little comparison being afforded with other kinds but the results obtained with this form are not particularly good, and altogether it appears that ivory points are less useful than dried lymph hermetically sealed in glass tubes.

On the whole therefore, it is probable that either variety of lymph is able to withstand the sea journey and arrive on the coast in a fairly good condition, provided it has been preserved in cold storage. Deterioration however is liable to occur when transported up country under the ordinary tropical conditions with no artificial cold and in these circumstances the dried lymph apparently withstands the climate better than the other varieties.

In French Senegambia, to the West of the Gold Coast, and in the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast, vaccine

is made locally and transported in tightly closed felt or cloth covered receptacles, of which the outside is kept continually moist. By this means the inside temperature of the receptacle is lowered, and the vaccine kept active, but the method could hardly be successfully applied to lymph carried for three weeks or longer in the ordinary way, on the head of a Native carrier.

LOCAL VACCINE FARMS

No results have been sent from the Gold Coast giving information as to the success, since the inauguration of the vaccine farm started at Accra in 1904.

In the East Africa Protectorate, considerable success appears to have resulted from the formation of such a farm and attention should be directed to the letter of the Principal Medical Officer, East Africa Protectorate, contained in 35926. No details are given as to the method of drying vaccine in vacuo, which is referred to and I regret that at present I have been unable to refer to the listin mentioned.

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Downing Street,
London, W.C. 2

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With reference to my predecessor's despatch

requesting a report on the consignments

- (Gambia) No. 14 of 1st January, 1910
- (Sierra Leone) No. 25 of 14th "
- (Gold Coast) No. 22 "
- (C. Nigeria) No. 43 "
- (N. Nigeria) No. 31 "
- (E.A.P.) No. 33 "
- (Uganda) No. 24 "
- (Nyasaland) No. 2 "

of vaccine lymph forwarded to you from

this country within the subsequent three

months, and

your despatch No. 60 of 7th May, 1910

(Sierra Leone) Mr. Leslie Probyn's despatch No. 267

(Gold Coast) Mr. J. A. Straker's despatch No. 470 of 18th June, 1910

(Southern Nigeria) Mr. Thorburn's despatch No. 725 of 7th November, 1910

(Northern Nigeria) Mr. Hesketh Bell's despatch No. 101

(East Africa Protectorate) your despatch No. 666 of 31st November, 1910

(Uganda) Mr. Russell's despatch No. 249 of 25th July, 1910

Nyasaland

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Mr. Dr. Horn
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Further action required

Copy of 20/9/50

Standard
Major Pearce's despatch of 11th of 12th
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you have, together with those obtained
from other Colonies and Protectorates of
East and West Africa, been analysed and
referred to the Advisory Committee and
Temporary Committee for Tropical Africa for
their consideration.

2. From a consideration of the
entire results thus obtained, I am advised
that the Committee concludes that, of the
imported varieties of lymph, the most
satisfactory results have been obtained by
the use of Dried Lymph forwarded in

hermetically sealed glass ampoules, and
percentage of successful results
obtained with the same, as compared with
up-country or other lymph, that is, dried
lymph, or sterilized lymph, or lymph dried
on liver.

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3. Next in efficacy to dried
lymph is sterilized lymph, as it is
shown by the analysis of the results
obtained from it, that in most cases, it
becomes progressively less efficacious
with the length of the journey to the
country to which it is subjected, while
the period of incubation does not
appear to have been so successful as
with the dried lymph. It is to be
remembered that the dried lymph
contains a small amount of lymph node
material, and to a certain extent, successful
in colonies not far removed from and
and where it has been immediately used
without being subjected to any
incubation. As a result, I may mention,
it is in accord with what is known in India,
and also in other tropical colonies.

4. I am also advised that an impor-
tant factor in prolonging the life and
activity of the lymph is that it must be

be maintained at a temperature as long as

should therefore, in all cases,

of the ocean around,

instead of by letter or parcel, and every

care should be taken, on receipt of the

least, when it is opened in the coolest

place attainable.

of a pair of boots, and of the very

trading conditions under which these articles

are usually to be transported in-country

for many days, or even weeks' journey, and

that it is largely in consequence of

these conditions, and which is also

exposed to the tropical heat, that its

utility is so frequently impaired. The

question of obtaining some form of

protection for the boots of the

traders during these journeys has been

considered by the Committee, particularly

the adaptability of Thermos Flasks or

containers for this purpose, but I am informed

that, even with an extreme degree of cold,

such

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such apparatus has not been found to be

affordable.

for a longer period than four days, it

is therefore apparent that these flasks

or containers are not generally suitable

for this purpose, owing to the frequent

length of the inland journey, and the

tropical conditions which prevail.

It has, however, been suggested by

the Committee and I have, in the

report, that the Government should

look to a certain, if possible, the

method of transporting these articles

country which best tends to preserve its

activity, having regard to the fact that

the boots of the traders are

usually to be found in the hands of

the Committee for trial, is the packing of

the equipment in a box, or in a

bag, or other non-conductor of heat, in

a comparatively large box, or in a

possibly

providing that the same variety of trial
and will of course be equal with the
local conditions.

I shall be glad, therefore, if in
future, unless you have an objection to the
proposal, you will direct that trial lymph
hermetically sealed in glass tubes as

satisfactory form of which may be obtained
from the Kistner Institute, London, S.W.)

should be obtained for general use up-country,
while Lanolipated Lymph should be used, if
thought advisable, in other situations,

and that, in all cases, the lymph should

be preserved in the same state of
coolness.

It is not intended by this despatch

that the local vaccine lymph locally, which has

been in force in the Gold Coast,
(East Africa Protectorate)

should be superseded by the use of

Imported

Imported varieties, but it should be

considered at length if it is possible

to import a sufficient quantity of the same in

the future.

(Signed) H. HANCOMB

To Gold Coast

East Africa
Protectorate

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May 1911

Gentlemen,

our Agents

I have to thank you

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Mr. Jewell 24/5

Mr. Ellis

Mr. Piddley

Mr. Juss

Mr. Cox

Sir G. Lucas

Lord Lucas

~~Mr. ...~~

Mr. Harcourt

24/5/11

Ans'd 24/5/11

for your information and guidance

the six copies of a draft which

has been addressed by the O.P.G. of

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Prohibitors on the subject of

vaccines lymph

I request that

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