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## INTRODUCTION

Last year the Colonial Governments were asked to provide the Colonial Office with particulars of major capital works of over £100,000 in value in the course of construction. For these purposes the term "major capital works" was regarded as covering individual large scale constructional projects only and not whole development programmes of a comprehensive character.

The information obtained as a result of this enquiry is considered to be of sufficient interest to justify a wider circulation than was originally intended, and to warrant publication as a Colonial Office paper.

It will be noted that the replies are not all uniform. In some cases Colonial Governments were able to furnish particulars of capital works undertaken by private enterprise; in others these particulars could not be obtained without an undue amount of labour. Furthermore, as this information was received at different dates during the last twelve months, the particulars in columns 6 and 7, about the estimated date and approximate state of completion of the projects, do not relate to a common date. A number of projects, described as being near completion, will in fact have been completed by now. Events may also have falsified some of the estimated dates of completion. It has not been possible to bring these particulars more up-to-date without making further enquiries of the Colonial Governments and thus postponing unduly the publication of this paper.

The Government works listed have a total value of nearly £150 million. Of these, approximately 24% by value are related to the provision of electricity and power, 23% to rail, road and telecommunications, 22% to buildings, 15% to water works, 8% to ports and harbour works, 4% to irrigation and drainage, and 1% to the construction of airfields.

"Nil returns" have not been included in this publication. Consequently, where a territory is not mentioned, it may be assumed that no capital works of over £100,000 in value were being undertaken during 1951 in that territory.