

A TEN-YEAR PLAN

of Development and Welfare for the
CAMEROONS

Under United Kingdom
Trusteeship

INTRODUCTION

A TEN-YEAR PLAN of Development and Welfare for Nigeria was approved by the Legislative Council on the 7th February, 1946, and was printed and published as a Sessional Paper No. 24 of 1945. In this plan, for the purposes of development and welfare, Nigeria and the Trust Territory were treated as one and the plan was not prepared with a view to the development and welfare of the Trust Territory separately from Nigeria. The purpose of the present document is to show as distinctly as possible how the Trust Territory will benefit from that plan. That territory has received the same consideration as any other area in Nigeria, and the plans for its development are a part of the greater plan for the development of Nigeria.

2. Such a plan can of course do no more than represent the general course of action proposed and it has been made sufficiently flexible to meet changing conditions and unexpected eventualities. Modifications of method and details of policy must be allowed in order that full consideration can be given to the results of experience as the work proceeds. It must of course be stressed that ordinary departmental expansion is continually proceeding side by side with the implementation of the Development Plan.

3. The funds required to pay for development will come from three sources : (a) funds approved by H.M. Treasury under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, (b) funds provided by the revenues of Nigeria and (c) funds provided under the Development Loan Ordinance by which the raising of a loan of £8,000,000 has been authorised by the Legislative Council. The first instalment of a local loan (£300,000) has been offered for subscription in Nigeria and the Trust Territory with the purpose of providing a means by which the inhabitants thereof might participate in local development and still realise a fair return on their investment.