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Left: Widening the road between Port Harcourt and Aba. Below: Growth of the 400-mile railway extension to Boroni.



transport must provide, in the same vehicle, both for the goods and for the women and small traders. Individuals, relying on their own interests, can be relied on to provide the lorries, buses and cars that development of the Nigerian economy requires. The Nigerian Railway, from a point on the Eastern line, is now being extended into Boroni, a province that had not before been served, and an ambitious programme of road building and improvement is now under way. Roads

SMALL TRADERS

Driving is a skill easily acquired. A lorry comes within the means of the African capitalist, and maintenance and repair, within the competence of the African artisan. Increasingly wherever there is a road, paved or unpaved, during the dry season, there will be found the ubiquitous three-ton truck with its mixed cargo of freight and laughing but purposeful Africans—traders of both sexes. "The main school of business experience," says Professor W. A. Lewis in his *Theory of Economic Growth*, "consists of the little man engaged in trading, in operating a lorry or two, in running a small workshop and similar commercial enterprises." Looked at as a means of securing immediate output, the overdevelopment of these trades may be wasteful; but, if one looks at it as a means of giving people experience of business management, the waste may be a training cost well met.

There is, to European eyes, every objection to the use of lorries as passenger vehicles, more so when carrying simultaneously a load of freight; and 10-in. planks set 14-in. apart make by

tion is aware of this problem, and as money becomes available it is improving airfield facilities, although this is a slow and long process.

them large employers of Nigerian seamen. They also run cadet schemes to train Nigerians to become officers. River transport plays an important

Nigerian Government a three-year hydrological investigation of the Niger and Benue rivers to determine how navigability could be improved, and they submitted their report last year.

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