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that ever willing amateur, the District Officer. The Court has now an efficient corps of professional officers, engineers, surveyors, accountants and other experts who work alongside, and in harmony with, the Cadet Service. Though originally engaged on agreement, many of the ablest of these technical officers have applied for and been granted permanent pensionable appointments, a sure sign that service under the Chartered Company is attractive and that its officers receive considerate and liberal treatment. The Cadet Service is now moving more and more into its proper niche in the scheme of things, and its officers are specially selected and trained for district duties, which include among many others land administration, and responsibility for the local treasury, post office, magistrates' Court, police station, and protectorate.

The life of the District Officer (in which term I include his senior, the Resident, and his junior, the Cadet) has undergone a marked change during the last two decades. Formerly he was a care-free pioneer, unfettered by telegrams, telephones, and frequent mails, in his office five or six days a month to clear his scanty correspondence, his "monthly letter" and his accounts, and for the rest touring his scattered districts, gaining the friendship of his headmen and villagers, righting petty wrongs, and dispensing simple medicines, ready justice and advice on a hundred subjects. There are still a few districts where this paternal form of Government survives today, but in many others the District Officer is tied to his desk four or five days a week or more, by correspondence, reports, returns, and the routine work of his various sub-departments. Too infrequently is he able to break away and visit his distant villages, and natives who wish to see him must perforce come to his headquarters making their way through a disquieting array of orderlies, clerks and policemen. The disadvantages of this tendency are fully recognised, but in spite of periodical and drastic revisions of the schedule of reports and returns, the tentacles of the inky octopus are ever obtaining a fresh hold—an inevitable accompaniment of the march of progress. But, simultaneously with this transition, the villager has become more sophisticated, and less in need of protection. No longer can the travelling Chinese hawkier hope to exchange a penny mirror for a load of valuable damar or gutta, and the empty tin or bottle has long since ceased to have an accepted purchasing value. Yet today, no less than formerly, the influence and personality of the District Officer sets the standard for his district. Many of his natives do not realise the existence of any higher authority and his word is law. Today, as in the early days, the young officer is often called upon to be in himself a

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THE DISTRICT OFFICER.

We have received a copy of the Administration Report 1921 on the State of North Borneo. This is a very complete and interesting publication and in concluding his last report His Excellency the Governor, Mr. A. C. Pearson, C. M. G., remarks:—

"A feature of the progress of recent years has been the necessity for the gradual surrender to professional officers of many technical duties which in the pioneering days were performed, and ably performed, by

tower of strength, and he must at all costs maintain the traditions of absolute integrity and fearless impartiality, which his predecessors and the present generation of officers have so jealously guarded. For many years to come scholastic qualification in a Cadet Officer will continue to be of secondary importance, and the present system of selection by experienced judges of men will best serve to maintain the Cadet Service at its present high level of efficiency."

This tendency, the surrender of many technical duties to professional Officers, is being felt in Sarawak although in a lesser degree. No longer can the District Officer and his assistants be expected to control all the Departments necessary for the administration of their district. Anyone who has visited the various outstations in this country cannot but be amazed at the work which former officers have carried out. Buildings, roads, bridle paths, telephones, wharves all, with but few exceptions, planned and built under the direction of amateurs; revenue collected with, at times, the help of very inferior clerical aid; the people and their property protected with absurdly small Military and Police Forces. No wonder the native at times cavils at the introduction of new Departments, separated from that of their "Tuan Resident" and full of strange customs and regulations.

Moreover there have been times when even the District Officer has felt aggrieved at, what he imagines, the interference in matters which up to that time have been his own particular concern. This is, however, to be expected and can be understood. Where one man was once responsible for the complete administration of his district, and whose word on all matters was law, there now appears on the scene the professional man well versed in his duties who gradually relieves the District Officer of his cherished responsibilities, and who, perhaps unconsciously, upsets old traditions.

The District Officer, however, will in time see that, if efficiency is to be maintained, a complete change must come over his mind. He must realise that even if progress is slow yet things must be continually changing. The day will come when he will fully realise the necessity for reorganisation and then will be his opportunity to advise the technical men, not in their professional duties, but in the management of their labour, in the customs of the district and on all those matters which are of the utmost importance and without a knowledge of which it would be impossible to carry on.

The day of the old fashioned District Officer is gone but in its place will be a brotherhood of men, all working together for the same cause, the advancement of the State. Each man will have his particular work but if the details of the District Officer's work are altered yet the basis remains the same—the administration of the district as regards the peoples' rights, their customs and their religion. Nothing can alter this basis and even if we regret the passing of the old regime we see a future ahead when the progress of the State will remind us of the pioneer work done in past by that band of men who, in spite of loneliness and lack of technical instruction, worked and achieved their object, which was to open up and prepare the way for those coming after them.

NOTES.

(August.)

The race course was opened again on the 1st August after having been under repair for some time.

The 3 furlong course had been cut and levelled and the gates and rails repaired.

The ponies were taken out in the mornings for training and those enthusiasts with stop watches had to be very early on the scene if they wished to record the times.

Mr. K. H. Simpson left for Singapore on the 31st ultimo on his transfer to the Singapore Office of the B. C. L.

Mr. Simpson had a very short stay in Sarawak and we wish him the best of luck.

The Kuching Police, under the command of Mr. O. Lang, paraded on the 8th on the occasion of H. H. the Tuan Muda's birthday.

A salute of 21 guns was fired from the Fort and the men presented arms.

BETWEEN 2 and 3 a. m. on Thursday morning of August 3rd, the s. s. *Gladys*, off Tatau, was struck by what appears to have been a Cyclone. A strong wind struck her first on the port side carrying away the fittings hung under the awning amidships, immediately after she was struck on the starboard side, the wind carrying away the whole of the fore-castle awning, a substantial erection of wood covered with "genarco" roofing, the starboard side of the awning amidships made of planks and covered with "Malthoid" roofing and the two starboard ventilators to the engine room; the after mast stays and the funnel gups snapped with the strain.

The sea was perfectly calm and the night warm and still until the wind rose.

So strong was the wind that all passengers were removed from the upper deck and accommodated in the Fore-castle quarters.

We have interviewed the Juragan who says that the sea was fairly calm and that several shots were fired at a sort of bright glare which seemed to surround the ship.

It is difficult to get accurate information, but from a personal inspection of the vessel it was quite evident that she had been very roughly handled and the Shipping Company may congratulate themselves that worse calamity did not befall them.

It was reported that a *tongkang* full of sago which left Rambangan for Kuching on August 10th was caught in a squall off Mentawa and badly damaged. During a flash of lightning a Malay named Salleh of S. Bilian, who was in the bows, fell overboard and was not seen again.

THERE was a story circulating through the Kampongs that on 3rd August there would be a fearful windstorm and that the *dunia* would *terbalik*.

We understand that many people believed this tale and stayed in their houses during the whole day—although why that should save them when the *dunia terbalik*-ed we cannot say.

THE Schooner *Kim Eng Hock*, of 48 tons, owned by Chop Eng Ann of Kuching, which sailed from Kuching on 14th August was wrecked off Rejang mouth on the night of the 18th August. She carried a crew of 8 and 2 passengers, all of whom were saved. Her cargo, a small general one valued at a little over \$1,000, was lost.

A small mail consisting of 10 letters (two of which were registered) and 2 papers was lost.

Mr. Boults pony *Blastit* was taken ill in the early morning of the day before the races and died shortly afterwards.

Drs. O'Driscoll and Reed performed a post mortem and found the cause of death.

Blastit was in class A and, in spite of his size, was becoming a very speedy animal.

MESSRS. Hamilton and Hood of Miri were in Kuching during race week.

TELEGRAMS may be accepted for transmission to England by cable from Singapore to Cairo and thence by Wireless, the charge is the same as by cable throughout.

Should this service be used information is to be given to the effect to the Telegraph clerk.

A few members of the new committee of the Jesselton Turf Club met at the Sports Club on the evening of 29th July to discuss the prospects of an Autumn race meeting. It was suggested that the first week in November would be suitable and that owners should be "sounded" regarding entries, but a definite decision was left to a full committee. Mr. C. F. C. Macaskie undertook to carry on, temporarily, the duties of Honorary Secretary.

A whisper reaches us that there may be a race for lady jockeys at the next meeting.

B. N. B. Herald.

A buffalo got loose during the month and finally had to be shot by the Police at Simpang Tiga.

The beast during its ramblings killed a pig, injured another and later on knocked down a small child, luckily without much damage.

An interesting trial of speed took place on Sunday the 20th when Mr. A. B. Ward's *Billy Buster*, the winner of three events in the races was ridden against Mr. J. B. Archer's *Gila*, an Australian pony which has been in the country since 1914.

The idea was to see in what time *Billy Buster* could do 3 furlongs when pressed. *Billy Buster* was ridden by Mr. P. M. Adams at approx. 10 st. 7 lbs. and *Gila* by his Owner at 12 st. 7 lbs. *Billy Buster* got a good start and led for 2 furlongs when *Gila* drew up and

won easily. *Billy Buster's* time was 48 seconds or 6 seconds better than his fastest race on the previous Wednesday. Although the event had not been advertised a big crowd had assembled on the race course.

THE report on the Public Works Department for 1921 which is published in the *Sarawak Government Gazette* of September 1st makes interesting reading.

According to the latest figures there are over 49 miles of roads in the Kuching district. The rainfall at Matang was 186.35 inches and 157,722,375 gallons of water were delivered to the service reservoir from the Matang and Kuching Lower Reservoirs.

The S. G. R. did 21,900 miles during the year and carried 105,594 passengers.

Those who complain of warm drinks will note that 389,166½ lbs. of ice were sold during the year.

From the 7th mile quarry the out-put of stone was 12,607 tons and from Sejingkat 782 tons.

During 1921 ½ an acre was reclaimed at Sungei Gartak, the total amount of reclamation now being 1a. 0r. 12p. Particulars are given of the preparations made for the erection of an Electric Power Station in Ban Hoek Lane and Market Street. Two Babcock and Wilcox Boilers and two Bellis and Morcom engines coupled to A. C. Generators each of 250 K. W. 3 phase were purchased from the Borneo Company Limited.

ON the authority of a Native Officer we are informed that an aeroplane, or some other flying vessel, came over Belaga fort about 8.30 p.m. on the 14th August. We are told that she turned a search-light on to the fort and was flying quite low; the noise of her engines could be distinctly heard and our informant is quite certain about the matter.

If this story is true we imagine that this is the first time any flying vessel has come over Sarawak.

WE are asked to say that the Gynkhana Club, Miri, are arranging a Sweep on the St. Leger.

The race is being run on Sept. 18th and the draw will take place on Sept. 9th instead of August 30th as previously announced.

A Proclamation issued by His Highness the Rajah in the *Sarawak Government Gazette* of the 1st September gives notice to the effect that His Highness has appointed Mr. A. B. Ward, Resident of the 1st Division, and Mr. G. C. Gillan, Treasurer of Sarawak, to be his deputies during his absence from Sarawak.

CAPTAIN A. S. Lowe, M. C., B. Sc., who arrived by s. s. *Kuching* on the 18th August has been gazetted as Assistant Engineer in the Public Works Department and Dr. E. M. Marjoribanks, L. R. C. P. & S. (Edin.) who arrived by the same ship on the 29th has been appointed Divisional Medical Officer of the 3rd Division.

FROM a hand-bill circulated by a local cinema, we learn that for quite a small sum we may see a reel, length 305 feet, entitled "Going Going Gone" but what really fetches us is the announcement that it is "featuring Horold Lloyd, Harry Pollard and Babe Deniels. Two harmless tourists travelling on a bicycle with an awful nerve."

We quite agree that it would take an "awful nerve" for those "two harmless travellers" to travel on one bicycle but it does not say what happened to the third intrepid traveller.

Surely Horold and Harry did not chuck Babe off!!!

WE understand that Mr. Archer has sold his Australian pony *Gila* which goes to Mukah.

FIVE ponies were shipped by the p. s. *Adeh* which sailed on the 22nd. *Gila* for Mukah, *Akhtiar* and *Jalan Rumpat* for Miri and *Hopeless* and *Damit* for Lawas.

Keliling and *Pakeha* were sent to Miri the day before by one of the Oil Co.'s boats.

THE s. s. *Alice Lorraine*, which arrived from Sibn on the 25th August, brought Capt. E. V. Andreini and Mr. G. T. M. Mac Bryan from that station.

YET another death amongst the ponies. On August 26th His Highness the Rajah's *Bubble* died after one day's illness. We have not been informed of the cause of death.

His Highness is to be commiserated on the loss, as *Bubble* was a particularly nice animal winning the Farms Syndicate Cup in the races and running second in the S. S. Co. Cup.

AMONGST recent Gazetteings are Mr. F. A. W. Page-Turner to be Resident of the 2nd Division and Mr. H. A. Adams to be Acting Superintendent of Police, temporarily and in addition to his other duties. Both appointments dating from September 1st.

Mr. O. Lang, Superintendent of Police, has been granted seven months furlough from September 1st.

Mr. S. T. Ennon has taken the place of Mr. K. H. Simpson in the B. C. L.

Mr. A. O. Thomas arrived by s. s. *Kuching* on the 29th to join the P. W. D. as electrical engineer.

MESSRS. F. A. W. Page-Turner and E. O. Bruce left for Lingga by the s. l. *Lucile* on the 1st.

AMONGST the passengers on s. s. *Kuching* sailing for Singapore on the 1st were Messrs. F. G. Day, W. E. Le Gros Clark, E. S. Holl and Major and Mrs. Harston.

DRY rubber harvested at Sungei Tengah during July was approximately 79,000 lbs.

Race Week.

Race Week began officially on Monday 14th and finished on Saturday the 19th, but before and after that period entertainments were given and we shall probably not be far wrong in saying that it has been one of the most successful weeks that has ever been held.

The p. s. *Adeh* arrived on the 11th with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kortright and two children from Bintulu, Messrs. C. D. Adams and M. Hood from Miri, Dr. Reed, Messrs. H. D. Aplin, Miller-Hallett, and H. Calvert from Sibn and Mr. F. G. Carpenter from Mukah. The same day the *Lucile* brought Messrs. W. F. Dick and H. E. Cutfield from Simaunggang.

H. H. S. Y. *Zahora* arrived on the 13th with Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Butcher from B. N. B., Mr. and Mrs. Boulton from Limbang, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas from Miri and Mr. P. M. Adams from Lawas.

Dr. and Mrs. Andrew and children arrived from Miri on one of the S. O. L. boats.

On the 7th the s. s. *Kuching* brought over Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Ker, who were the guests of His Highness the Rajah, and Mrs. Calthrop-Calthrop who was staying at B. M. K.

His Highness the Rajah gave a ball on the 14th to which some 80 guests had been invited; dancing was kept up until late. On the next night the Resident and Mrs. Ward gave a ball at the Residency and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Earlier on the same evening the Race Lotteries were drawn for and auctioned in the Sarawak Club. On Wednesday the Races took place, an account of which will be found in another column. On Thursday Mr. Fenwick was at home at B. M. K. where dancing continued until a very late hour. Supper was served in the big dining room which was decorated with Mr. Fenwick's racing colours, whilst the Miri Cup, which he had won the day before, occupied the centre of the room.

On Saturday His Highness again invited a large number of guests to a fancy dress ball.

The Astana was brilliantly illuminated by electric lights which, added to the wonderful costumes of the dancers, afforded a most gorgeous spectacle. Dancing was kept up until the early hours and just before daybreak the tired (and dishevelled) revellers reached their homes. Supper was served at one long table and His Highness' health was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. Afterwards congratulatory speeches were made and other toasts drunk.

The following is a list of those present and their costumes.

We must remind our readers, however, that this list was compiled with some difficulty and should there be any errors or omissions we crave pardon and hope it will be put down to the excitement of the moment.

H. H. The Rajah ... Spotted Pierrot

Ladies.

Mrs. Adams ...	... Cleopatra
Mrs. Andrew ...	... Fortune Teller
Mrs. Barraclough ...	... Roundabout
Mrs. Baird ...	... Green Jaz
Mrs. Boulton ...	... Polly Peachum
Mrs. Butcher ...	... Pierrotte
Mrs. Calthrop-Calthrop ...	... Argyll & Sutherland Highlander
Mrs. Clark ...	... Miss Revue
Miss Doris Clark ...	... Pierrette
Mrs. Douglas ...	... Dayang Siti
Mrs. Geikie ...	... Powder Puff
Mrs. Gillan ...	... Nancy
Mrs. Griffiths ...	... A Cracker
Miss Harvey ...	... Moonstruck
Mrs. Kortright ...	... Bohemian Girl
Mrs. Kidd ...	... Gipsy Damsel
Mrs. Ker ...	... Persian Lady
Mrs. Lowe ...	... Argentine Café Dancer

Mrs. Mead ...	... Batterfly
Mrs. Nelson ...	... Rosalind
Miss O'Driscoll ...	... Quaker Girl
Mrs. Stennitt ...	... Tweak
Mrs. Service ...	... Dresden Shepherdess
Miss Sebborn ...	... Put and Take
Men.	
Mr. C. D. Adams ...	... Clown
Mr. H. A. Adams ...	... Old Man Jaz
Mr. F. M. Adams ...	... Spaniard
Mr. Aplin ...	... Harlequin
Mr. Areher ...	... Matador
Dr. Andrew ...	... Tweedledum (or dee)
Mr. Bates ...	... The Short of It
Mr. Barnes ...	... Samba
Capt. Bartou ...	... Roy Gardener
Mr. Barraclough ...	... Bandelero
Mr. Baird ...	... Harlequin
Mr. Boul ...	... Captain MacHeath
Mr. Bruce ...	... Zonave
Col. Butcher ...	... French Sailor
Mr. Calvert ...	... 1972
Mr. Carpenter ...	... French Sailor
Dr. Clark ...	... Executioner from the Gondoliers
Lieut. Clark ...	... Uncle Sam
Mr. W. Clark ...	... Bar Bell
Mr. Crocker ...	... Survivor off the Egypt
Mr. Cutfield ...	... Black Pierrot
Mr. Day ...	... Japanese Ricksha Puller
Mr. Daubeny ...	... Egyptian slave
Mr. Dick ...	... The Revd. Prickey Dick
Mr. Douglas ...	... Fi Fi
Mr. Ennion ...	... Pirate
Mr. Evans ...	... Chef
Mr. Fenwick ...	... Dutch boy
Mr. Geikie ...	... Crusader
Mr. G. C. Gillan ...	... Snooker
Mr. K. H. Gillan ...	... Cannibal chief
Mr. Griffith ...	... Gondolier
Mr. Hayward ...	... Russian Student
Mr. Humphrey ...	... Egyptian Slave
Mr. Miller-Hallett ...	... Pierrot
Mr. Hamilton ...	... The Long of It
Mr. Holl ...	... Gentleman 1922 Period
Mr. Hood ...	... Mexican
Mr. Kidd ...	... Pierrot
Mr. Kine ...	... Miner
Mr. F. H. Kortright ...	... Harlequin
Mr. H. H. Kortright ...	... Puritan Girl
Mr. Lang ...	... Chinese professional man
Mr. Le Sueur ...	... Roman Legionary
Mr. Lloyd ...	... Chef
Captain Lowe ...	... Dutch Boy
Mr. S. Lowe ...	... (His little brother)
Mr. Mead ...	... Pirate
Mr. Page-Turner ...	... Bing Boy
Mr. Parnell ...	... Sarawak Pierrot
Dr. Reed ...	... Brigand
Mr. Bicketts ...	... Malay
Mr. Service ...	... Sailor
Mr. Smith ...	... Black Pierrot
Archdeacon Small ...	... The Gloomy Dean
Mr. Skrine ...	... Quartier Latin
Mr. Stewart ...	... Golliwog
Mr. Ward ...	... Sherwood Forester

It would be difficult to pick out the most successful costumes amongst the ladies as they all looked so nice but in the men's costumes we might mention those of Mr. Boul, Mr. Skrine, Mr. Dick, Dr. Clark, Mr. Lang, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Parnell, Mr. Mead and the Lowe Brothers.

The usual tennis, golf, billiards and bowls tournaments occupied the afternoons. An account of these will be found in another column.

The review of the Sarawak Rangers, which had been arranged for Friday afternoon, had to be postponed on account of the bad weather.

Most of the outstation visitors returned on Tuesday and were given a cherry send off as they sailed.

The Rajah Charles Brooke Memorial Fund.

Amount already acknowledged ...	...	\$68,617.50
Income Tax recovered ...	...	65.22
H. B. Crocker ...	...	100.00
Total to 29/5/22 ...		\$68,882.52

The Sarawak Club.

Tournaments.

The usual Tournaments took place during Race Week, the entries were numerous and the various events keenly competed.

Bowls.

The condition of the bowling alleys was not conducive to good scoring, temporary repairs are no longer satisfactory and it will be necessary to give the alleyways a thorough overhaul before this game will return to the favour of its many devotees.

The results were as follows:—

Kuching.

(Our Correspondent does not give the details except to say that the 1st prize was won by H. E. Cutfield.)—[Ed. S. G.]

Outstations.

Mr. Cutfield is to be congratulated on his win as he had no opportunity of practice.

Billiards.

The final round, played on Saturday the 19th, created considerable interest but it is doubted whether the encouragement given by the on-lookers to the players improved their play. It was considered that C. D. Adams' handicap was slightly meagre but he was by no means depressed by such a trivial matter as that!

Lang was not at his best but made some useful little breaks towards the end of the game his opponent was not generous to him in the way of leaves.

Adams played his usual dashing game and had more assistance from Luck than he did from his handicap.

The results were:—

(Again details are missing except for the Outstation scores which are as under.)

P. M. Adams ..	Ser. | 100	
F. G. Carpenter ..	+10 | 72	H. D. Aplin | 100
H. D. Aplin ..	+10 | 100	P. M. Adam | 81
W. F. Dick ..	+20 | 81	
R. S. Douglas ..	+15 |	
F.A.W. Page-Turner	+20 | Ser.	
C. D. Adams ..	+20	Bye

C. D. Adam 100
H. D. Aplin 81

(There appears to be some mistake here or else one of the balls must have been taken to run to 81 only and then stop.)—[Ed. S. G.]

Finnis.

O. Lang ..	Ser. | 100
C. D. Adams—15 ..	| 89

Lawu Tennis.

As in former years the entrants had difficulty in finding time to play their rounds owing to the many engagements during the week.

The Runners up had a strenuous evening, playing 5 sets and the Kuching pair scored greatly by going to the arena fresh for the fray.

It was obvious towards the end of the 2nd set that the Outstation pair were wilting although perhaps the best games of the round were the 2nd, 3rd and 4th games of the 2nd set.

Failing light handicapped both pairs and players are to be congratulated on agreeing to continue to play to a finish in bad light.

Gillan was as safe as usual and his placing was very neat, Lang brought off some flash shots at the net and played a good game throughout. Boul was playing a fine game and his forehand drives were very powerful, Page-Turner played a strong game especially as his opponents put most of their returns at him.

The games were much more even than the scoring indicates and perhaps, had not the outstations pair already played 3 strenuous sets, results might have been different.

Finnis.

Gillan and Lang beat Boul and Page-Turner 6-5, 6-2.

Kuching Races.

The Race Meeting was held on Wednesday the 16th of August. The weather, which up to the day of the races had been most uncertain, luckily turned out fine. The rain of the day before had made the course rather soft but, on the whole, conditions were as perfect as could be expected.

As early as seven in the morning the roads leading to the course were thronged with people on their way and as the morning progressed the roads presented a most lively appearance. Motor lorries, pony traps, rickshas and pedestrians hurried along in a never ending stream and by 2.30 p. m. all the places adjacent to the course were occupied. As in former years rows of small huts had been erected on both sides of the course and their fair occupants had hung them with gorgeous gold cloths. Against the rails stood a crowd of all nationalities—dressed in their best clothes and in the greatest of good humour. Motor cars were parked in a space set apart for them beyond the winning post, and the absence of any disturbances and the manner in which the course was kept clear, reflects great credit on the Police and especially to Mr. Lang, who personally superintended the whole of the policing and traffic arrangements.

The band of the Sarawak Rangers played during the afternoon whilst the grand stand was packed with European and other visitors.

His Highness the Rajah arrived at 2.15 and was received with the national anthem whilst His Highness' flag was broken at the mast head.

Much surmise had taken place beforehand as to what sort of a show the ponies would put up but we think most of us will agree that, on the whole, racing was excellent.

Mr. Ward's *Billy Buster* proved himself to be by far the fastest pony on the course and his rider, Mr. Le Sneur, had an easy ride in all his three races. Even carrying 11 st. 7lbs. he had no difficulty in winning the last race.

His Highness the Rajah's *Bubble*, as was expected, won his first race but was beaten by *Damit*, a very diminutive pony, in the 4th race. *Damit* was badly ridden in the 1st race and any chances he had against *Bubble* were ruined by his jockey's antics.

In the 3rd race Mr. Crocker's *Hopeless* beat *Scots Grey* rather unexpectedly and mainly owing to the good jockeyship of Mr. Bruce. He failed, however, to give *Scots Grey* 1st. 10lbs. and Mr. Humphery won a good race from *Blazes* in the 6th race. The winner's handicap, as usual, caused much interest. *Bubble* was much fancied but was not placed likewise *Damit* who requires careful handling.

Paddy was 2nd in both his races and Mr. Bates had bad luck in being in the same class as such an exceptional pony as *Billy Buster*.

The totalizator, run by Mr. A. Merrells was extremely popular. So much so that many were unable to buy tickets owing to the press of people. No less than 2,358 tickets were sold, the highest number on one race being 550. Next year it will be necessary to make other arrangements and, if possible, have two totalizators.

There was the usual bar run by the Sarawak Club and also a tea-room arranged by Mrs. Stennitt and Mr. Hayward. The crowd had not been forgotten and the numerous food stalls could supply anything from a hot dinner to an ice cream at prices within reach of all pockets.

It has been suggested that proper railings be made round the paddock etc. and that another grand stand be built. This would greatly relieve the congestion round the present grand stand which makes it difficult at times to approach the paddock at all.

We should like to add one thing, that is to say that some of the native riders should be severely cautioned for unnecessarily flogging their ponies. One rider especially appeared to consider that the pony's head was the correct place on which to inflict punishment—for being last!!

We think, however, that the Committee and all the Officials who helped are to be congratulated on the success of the meeting. After eight years racing has been revived again and we hope that it will not be allowed to lapse.

Wednesday, August 16th.

1ST RACE.—2.30 P. M.—*The Farms Syndicate Cup.*—Value \$100. Presented by the Farms Syndicate. Second horse to receive \$50, third horse to save entrance fee. A race for subscription Borneo griffins Class **A**. 12.2½ hands to carry 11 stone with an allowance of 3½ lbs. for every ½ inch under. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 3 furlongs.

OWNERS.	HORSES.	HOTS.	WOTS.	JOCKEYS.	
H. H. The Rajah's	b h <i>Bubble</i>	11.3	9.7	Rajak	1
Captain Lowe and Mr. P. H. Hayward's	b h <i>Scooter</i>	12.2	11.0	Mr. E. O. Bruce	2
Mr. P. M. Adam's	b h <i>Damit</i>	11.1	8.7	Tembam	3
Mr. G. C. Gillan's	b h <i>Snapp</i>	11.3	9.7	Bobo	0
Kongsi Sawdust's	gr h <i>Kelting</i>	12.2	11.0	Tahir	0

Damit lead at the start but was passed by *Bubble* after crossing the road with *Scooter* third. *Bubble* won by 5 lengths and *Scooter*, passing *Damit*, obtained 2nd place, beating *Damit* by a length. Time (not taken). Totalizator paid \$1.80.

2ND RACE.—3 P. M.—*The Kuching Cup.*—Value \$50. Presented by the Datu Inam, with \$50 added. Second horse to receive \$50, third horse to save entrance fee. A race for subscription Borneo griffins Class **B**. 12.2 hands to carry 11 stone with an allowance of 3½ lbs. for every ½ inch under. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 3 furlongs.

OWNERS.	HORSES.	HOTS.	WOTS.	JOCKEYS.	
Mr. A. B. Ward's	r h <i>Billy Buster</i>	12.2	11.0	Mr. R. E. Le Sneur	1
Mr. G. T. Bates'	b h <i>Paddy</i>	12.0	10.0	Salleh	2
Dr. Clark's	r h <i>Kluang</i>	12.0	10.0	Mr. E. Humphery	3
Sungei Tengah Kongsi's	b h <i>Finance</i>	12.3	11.0	Mr. C. Fenwick	0
Dr. Andrew's	d h <i>Pakela</i>	12.0	10.0	Tahir	0
Baram Kongsi's	b h <i>Jalan</i>				
	<i>Temput</i>	11.3	9.7	Unchar	0
H. H. The Rajah's	b h <i>The Rat</i>	12.0½	10.3½	Rajak	0

Billy Buster won easily from *Paddy* by 5 lengths, 4 lengths between 2nd and 3rd, *Finance* 4th and *The Rat* last. Time 54½ seconds. Totalizator paid \$2.30.

3RD RACE.—3.30 P. M.—*The B. C. L. Cup.*—Value \$100. Presented by the Borneo Co., Ltd. Second horse to receive \$50, third horse to save entrance fee. A race for subscription Borneo griffins Class **C**. 12.3½ hands to carry 11 stone with an allowance of 3½ lbs. for every ½ inch under. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 3 furlongs.

OWNERS.	HORSES.	HOTS.	WOTS.	JOCKEYS.	
Mr. H. B. Crocker's	d h <i>Hopeless</i>	12.3½	11.0	Mr. E. O. Bruce	1
Mr. C. Fenwick's	gr h <i>Scots Grey</i>	12.1	9.10½	Owner	2
Baram Kongsi's	b h <i>Akhtiar</i>	11.3	8.3½	Unchar	3
Kongsi Darusulwa's	gr h <i>Burak</i>	11.3½	9.0	Bobo	0
Mr. F. H. Kortright's	bl r h <i>Blazes</i>	12.0	9.3½	Rajak	0
Inche Bakar's	r h <i>Dempsey</i>	12.1	10.1½	Samat	0

A good race between *Hopeless* and *Scots Grey* the former winning an exciting race by 1½ lengths, *Akhtiar* third, 3 lengths behind *Scots Grey* and *Burak* fourth, *Dempsey* was last. Time 55½ second. Totalizator paid \$2.70.

4TH RACE—4 P.M.—*The S. S. Co. Cup*.—Value \$100. Presented by the Sarawak Steamship Co., Ltd. Second horse to receive \$50, third horse to save entrance fee. A handicap for subscription Borneo griffins Class A. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 3 furlongs.

OWNERS.	HORSES.	H'CAP.	JOCKEYS.	
Mr. P. M. Adam's	bh <i>Damit</i>	8.7	Bobo	1
H. H. The Rajah's	bh <i>Bubble</i>	11.0	Mr. P. M. Adams	2
Captain Lowe & Mr. P. H. Hayward	bh <i>Scotter</i>	11.0	Mr. E. O. Bruce	3
Mr. G. C. Gillan's	bh <i>Snap</i>	9.0	Rajak	0
Kongsi Sawdust's	grh <i>Kelting</i>	8.0	Salleh	0

Bubble was unable to give *Damit* 2½ stone and the latter won by 1½ lengths, the same distance separating 2nd and 3rd. *Snap* was 4th and *Kelting* last. A good race all the first three lying well together up to the 2½ furlong mark. Time 57½ seconds. Totalizator paid to \$3.90.

5TH RACE—4.30 P.M.—*The Civil Service Cup*.—Value \$100. Presented by members of the Sarawak Civil Service. Second horse to receive \$50, third horse to save entrance fee. A handicap for subscription Borneo griffins Class B. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 3 furlongs.

OWNERS.	HORSES.	H'CAP.	JOCKEYS.	
Mr. A. B. Ward's	rh <i>Billy Buster</i>	11.7	Mr. R. E. Le Suenr	1
Mr. G. T. Bates'	bh <i>Paddy</i>	9.7 (10.0)	Mr. P. M. Adams	2
S. Tengah Kongsi's	bh <i>Finance</i>	9.0	Salleh	3
Dr. Clark's	rh <i>Kluang</i>	9.0 (10.0)	Mr. E. Humphery	0
Dr. Andrew's	dh <i>Pakeha</i>	8.0	Tahir	0
Baram Kongsi's	bh <i>Jalan Rumpit</i>	8.0	Unchar	0

Billy Buster again won easily by 3 lengths from *Paddy* who was 5 lengths ahead of *Finance*. *Kluang* was 4th and *Jalan Rumpit* last. Time 54½ seconds. Totalizator paid \$1.70.

6TH RACE—5 P.M.—*The Miri Cup*.—Presented by the Sarawak Oilfields Ltd. Second horse to receive \$50, third horse to save entrance fee. A handicap for subscription Borneo griffins Class C. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 3 furlongs.

OWNERS.	HORSES.	H'CAP.	JOCKEYS.	
Mr. C. Fenwick's	grh <i>Scots Grey</i>	9.104	Mr. E. Humphery	1
Mr. F. H. Kort-right's	blrh <i>Blazes</i>	8. 34	Rajak	2
K. Darusalwa's	grh <i>Burak</i>	8. 0	Bobo	3
Mr. H. B. Crocker's	dh <i>Hopeless</i>	11. 7	Mr. E. O. Bruce	0
Baram Kongsi's	bh <i>Akhtiar</i>	8. 0	Salleh	0
Inche Bakar's	rh <i>Dempsey</i>	8. 34	Samat	0

A good race *Scots Grey* beating *Blazes* by 1½ lengths, *Burak* was 3 lengths behind, *Hopeless* 4th and *Dempsey* last. Time 55½ seconds. Totalizator and paid \$2.40.

7TH RACE—5.30 P.M.—*The Sarawak Cup*.—Value \$150. Presented by His Highness the Rajah. Second horse to receive \$25. A handicap for all subscription Borneo griffins that have won a race at this meeting. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 3 furlongs.

OWNERS.	HORSES.	H'CAP.	JOCKEYS.	
Mr. A. B. Ward's	rh <i>Billy Buster</i>	11.7	Mr. R. E. Le Suenr	1
Mr. C. Fenwick's	grh <i>Scots Grey</i>	9.0	Salleh	2
Mr. H. B. Crocker's	dh <i>Hopeless</i>	9.0	Rajak	3
H. H. The Rajah's	bh <i>Bubble</i>	10.7	Mr. E. O. Bruce	0
Mr. P. M. Adam's	bh <i>Damit</i>	9.7	Bobo	0

Billy Buster had no difficulty in winning by 3 lengths, whilst 4 lengths divided 2nd and 3rd. *Bubble* failed to justify his backers and *Damit* appeared to be sulking the whole race and was last. *Hopeless* was left at the Post but made a good race for 3rd place. Time 54 seconds. Totalizator paid \$2.10.

Analysis 1922.

HORSES.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Un-placed	Total.
Billy Buster	...	3	...	...	3
Scots Grey	...	1	2	...	3
Bubble	...	1	1	...	2
Damit	...	1	...	1	2
Hopeless	...	1	1	...	2
Paddy	2	...	2
Scotter	...	1	1	...	2
Blazes	1	...	2
Finance	1	...	2
Kluang	1	...	2
Burak	1	...	2
Akhtiar	1	...	2
Kelting	2	2
Snap	2	2
Pakeha	2	2
Dempsey	2	2
Jalan Rumpit	2	2
The Rat	1	1
	7	7	7	19	40

OWNERS.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Un-placed	Total.
Mr. A. B. Ward	...	3	...	...	3
C. Fenwick	...	1	2	...	3
H. H. The Rajah	...	1	1	...	2
Mr. P. M. Adams	...	1	...	1	2
H. B. Crocker	...	1	...	1	2
G. T. Bates	2	...	2
Capt. Lowe and Mr. Hayward	...	1	1	...	2
Mr. F. H. Kortright	1	...	2
Baram Kongsi	1	...	2
S. Tengah Kongsi	1	...	2
Dr. Clark	1	...	2
K. Darusalwa	1	...	2
K. Sawdust	2	2
Mr. G. C. Gillan	2	2
Dr. Andrew	2	2
I. Bakar	2	2
	7	7	7	17	40

JOCKEYS.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Un-placed	Total.
Mr. R. E. Le Suenr	...	3	...	...	3
E. O. Bruce	...	1	2	...	3
Rajak	...	1	1	...	2
Mr. E. Humphery	...	1	...	1	2
Bobo	...	1	...	1	2
Salleh	2	1	3
Mr. P. M. Adams	2	...	2
Mr. Fenwick	1	...	2
Unchar	1	...	2
Tembann	1	...	2
Tahir	3	3
Samat	2	2
	7	7	7	19	40

Sarawak Library.

The following books have been kindly presented by Mrs. Mead.

Dane, Clemence	First the Blade	F 1689
Dell, Ethel M.	The Swindler	F 6048
Fyfe, Hamilton	Twells Brek	F 6412
Grey, Jane	Lone Star Ranger	F 3078
Staeppole, H de V.	Fanny Lambert	F 1612
Tennyson, Jesse F.	The Milky Way	F 4081

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[The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of Correspondents.]

The Rate of Exchange.

KUCHING, SARAWAK,
3rd August, 1922.

The Editor,
Sarawak Gazette.

DEAR SIR,

As a statement in the letter in your last issue headed "Advance Sarawak" is somewhat misleading, may I be permitted to explain. I refer to the statement that an inquirer at the Post Office as to the franc rate of exchange was told that the Post Office would transact business at Fr. 25 to the pound sterling. This is not so.

The Post Office here only transacts business—that is, issues Money Orders—in sterling, rupees or dollars. If a Money Order in francs is asked for it can only be issued in sterling through London to be converted into francs at the other end, but the sender must himself determine how much he remits in sterling as the Post Office cannot give any fixed rate of exchange.

Certain Post Office accounts with London which are reckoned in francs are converted into sterling at a fixed rate of exchange for mutual convenience and the inquirer at the Post Office was possibly told this and misunderstood what was said to him.

The franc rate of exchange per \$100 can always be found in the exchange column in the Singapore daily papers.

Yours faithfully,

F. G. DAY.

A Worthy Appeal.

MEDICAL OFFICES,
Kuching, 25th August, 1922.

The Editor,
Sarawak Gazette,
DEAR SIR,

Many of your readers are not, I believe, acquainted with the little colony of some seventy odd paupers who dwell not far from the road at Batu Sapuloh. Most of these are men too aged to work for their living, some are blind and some are crippled otherwise they live for the greater part very happily, keeping a well-ordered garden from which they supplement their daily rations. They are, however, in need of more clothes, especially now that the rainy season is approaching. I would beg leave therefore, to ask, through your columns, for any old clothes of any description that are not wanted by your readers. If donors would kindly send such clothes to me, I will see that they are apportioned correctly to those who need them.

I am, Sir,

Yours etc.,

W. E. LE GROS CLARK.

Courtesy.

August 11th, 1922.

The Editor,
Sarawak Gazette.

DEAR SIR,

Reading the correspondence on the vexed question of courtesy I agree with your reply to "Curious" although I cannot help thinking that his letter was prompted by one or more incidents not a hundred miles from your editorial chair.

While not professing to be an authority on etiquette I must say I have found it the invariable custom for a lady to bow in the first instance to a male acquaintance whom she intends to recognise, and I personally should be very diffident in raising my hat (if any) to a lady who did not spontaneously bow to me.

I suggest therefore that our social rulers the ladies settle the matter for us and set poor "Curious'" mind at rest by bowing (with a smile if possible) quickly enough to put us bashful men out of our misery.

Snip's letter appears to me quite pointless, and I cannot see his idea in writing unless for the satisfaction of seeing his clumsy attempt at humour in print, but as an answer to his own question on etiquette I can only suggest that his wife and mother-in-law burst into the house and behave as suggested by Snip in his letter.

Yours faithfully,
BASHFUL BILL.

KUCHING,
31st August, 1922.

The Editor,
Sarawak Gazette,
Kuching.

DEAR SIR,

The letters from Snip and your goodself in your last issue are certainly facetious but not to the point.

Whilst holding to my original contention that etiquette is sadly lacking may I state that I do not care to rush at any lady as Snip wishes. I am not complaining of having been cut but of the way my own countrywomen behave.

The reference to the mother-in-law is irrelevant and will be answered just as soon as my first statement is definitely refuted. I own no book on etiquette nor do I wish for one since I have been fortunate in my schooling.

These letters are not intended to be personal and most certainly referred to the Kuching world in general only.

CURIOUS.

N.B.—This correspondence must now cease.—
[Ed. S.G.]

Race Frocks.

It was indeed difficult to believe during "Race Week" that Kuching had not got its "Worths" or at least its "Molyneux" tucked away somewhere, when one saw the galaxy of charming creations worn by our ladies.

It would be impossible to describe all the toilettes we were fortunate enough to see throughout the week, therefore I will only endeavour to give those I noticed at Mr. Fenwick's dance on August the seventeenth. Our hostess, Mrs. T. Fenwick chose a beautiful all-lace white frock tastefully trimmed

with wide black velvet ribbon. I think the most noticeable and impressive frock in the room was that worn by one of our visitors, although few of us are daring enough to wear "red" in the tropics. Mrs. Nelson showed her good taste in her selection of a red silk georgette frock which was both pretty and becoming.

Mrs. Calthrop-Calthrop wore an elegant dress, made entirely of gold and blue brocade.

Mrs. Ker and Mrs. Butcher showed us that black satin when cunningly arranged with costly black lace will not take a second place to any new colour in the ball room.

Mrs. Boulton looked distinctive in green, the popular colour of the evening, prettily carried out in nixon and net. That fascinating material "silk taffeta" also in green, was Mrs. Douglas's choice.

Mrs. Geikie wore an attractive little frock of corn flower blue georgette, Mrs. Andrews was wearing the ever fashionable foulard in a lovely shade of green.

Mrs. Kidd's pretty grey silk, gown made a pleasing change in a room full of gayer colours.

Mrs. Service was seen in a handsome black frock on this occasion.

Mrs. Lowe looked charming in a gold brocade frock, untrimmied, except for an effective purple dahlia at the exaggerated low waist line which is now so fashionable.

Mrs. Adams favoured black, spirally draped with esoteric oriental embroidery.

Mrs. Barraclough in a novel little frock made of nigger brown georgette looked delightfully chic as usual.

Bright blue silk allied to pretty shadow lace of the same shade formed Mrs. Mead's striking gown.

Mrs. Clark in red charmeuse with an over skirt of black lace may claim originality and distinction in her selection.

Mrs. Griffith's frock was composed of brown shadow lace, ingeniously adapted to a ceintre and was notable for its new effective long sleeves.

Mrs. Baird also adopted the long lace sleeve and when worn with black satin, was most distinctive.

Mrs. Gillan wisely chose a lovely green crêpe-de-chine with gold brocade for the corsage forming a most desirable frock.

Miss O'Driscoll in a pretty electric blue crêpe marocain over cream lace introduced to us the charm of the sleeveless dress for such occasions.

Miss Doris Clark was most suitably dressed in a simple but extremely dainty frock of white net over pale blue silk.

D. O. S.

Editors Notes.

We would draw our readers' attention to the appeal for old clothing made by the P. M. O. Many of us must have old clothing for which we have no further use and which is generally appropriated by the "boys". Lest anyone may be hesitating to give for fear that the clothing is unsuitable, we venture to say that the old paupers are not particular as to fashion or cut and any warm clothing will be appreciated.

For the first time in the Annals of Sarawak the wireless telephone has been used and apparently, to judge from the account given by Mr. Barnes in this issue, with complete success. We understand that in this venture Sarawak is ahead of her neighbours and Mr. Barnes and the wireless staff are to be congratulated on the results achieved—We hope to publish further information concerning this interesting apparatus from time to time as it would appear to have solved the problem of communication in Sarawak without the use of wire. This has always been the drawback to the ordinary telephone; where the line passes through jungle it is almost impossible to keep it clear and the connection maintained without the use of a gang of coolies constantly clearing the rentis.

Bridge Tournament at the New Club,

10th August, 1922.

BY AN ANGEL.

PROLOGUE.

One eve as I was resting on a cloudlet
I heard a rumour through the ether sent
So down I flew to see what I could gather
At the New Club where they held the Tournament.

As I stole round the Club so none could hear me
I saw the wondrous sight of twenty four
Humans all sitting round at little tables
Bridging as if they'd never bridged before.

They played in competition for the prizes
Presented by the Rajah's kindly grace.
But in some minds; for I can read minds clearly
His Highness' supper held a leading place.

And suddenly I heard a violent clamour
As men arose and dashed into the Bar
Returning, weighted down with plates and
glasses.
Which gave my astral body quite a jar.

Then back they went to all their little tables
A worried-looking human hovering round
Urging the sluggards on to greater efforts
For some were far behind I shortly found.

As time went on 't was seen they did not matter
So far behind in points as well as time
Perhaps their thoughts went wand'ring off
together,
Forgetting all, into a world sublime.

But some played very fast and finished early;
Me thinks if master had induced *Scots Grey*
To run as fast as master played on Thursday
He might have share in *Billy Buster's* day.

Sometime before the end I thought I noticed
That Bates and Hayward had compiled a score
Exceeding all the others by some hundreds,
And still continued to compile some more.

Hundreds of aces round their shoulders fluttered
All kinds of slams were struggling on the floor
To get themselves recorded on the score sheet,
I've never seen so huge a score before.

When all was done 't was seen their score, three
thousand.

Was better by a thousand than the Meads'
And all the rest were nowhere, so they told me
Perhaps they'd made mistaken calls and leads.

I flew away before the room quite emptied
But ere I went I heard what people thought
"T was really jolly ripping of the Rajah"
I heard them say—and so I thought they ought.

EPILOGUE.

Some nights ago I flew to the Astana
And there I saw an interesting sight
I saw His Highness handing to the winners
The prizes they had won the other night.

Departure of His Highness the Rajah.

His Highness left en route for England by s. s. *Kuching* on the 1st September; accompanying His Highness was Mr. O. Lang, whilst on the same ship were Mrs. Gillan who is returning to England and Mr. and Mrs. W. Geikie who are leaving Sarawak for good.

His Highness met the Malay chiefs before leaving and all the Europeans proceeded on board to wish His Highness good-bye.

There was some delay in starting and the *Kuching* did not sail until after noon.

We merely echo the sentiments of all when we say that we wish His Highness a safe voyage home and a speedy return to Sarawak; we also wish Mrs. Gillan and Mr. Lang an enjoyable leave.

Partings are always sad and it was with regret that we realised that we were saying good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Geikie for good. We wish them the best of luck and hope that they will not entirely forget their many friends in Sarawak.

New Club Tennis Tournament.

A tennis tournament was held as usual at the New Club during Race Week and the weather being kinder this year than last it was concluded on Monday 21st when the final was played off.

The Kuching section of the tournament was played before Race Week and produced some very close matches, nearly all being taken to the third set.

In the Kuching section final J. P. Baird and Miss. O'Driscoll beat C. P. Lowe and Mrs. Ward after a very good match, thus qualifying to meet the winners of the Outstation section in the final.

In the Outstation section the matches were not so close and W. H. Geikie and E. O. Bruce came through fairly easily finally beating H. D. Aplin and W. F. Dick comfortably.

The final, Baird and Miss O'Driscoll *vs.* Geikie and Bruce, was curiously in and out.

In the first set the former couple played very badly, and only managed to win one game.

In the second set, however, they pulled themselves together, Miss O'Driscoll especially showing much better form, and won a gruelling set 6-5.

In the third set Geikie and Bruce continued to play very steadily and the former brought off some very nice winning shots. Baird on the other hand missed several easy smashes towards the end of the set which probably made a good deal of difference, Geikie and Bruce eventually winning the set 6-4.

The winners deserved their win and it must be especially gratifying to Geikie who is on the eve of what is probably a final departure for Europe.

(Contributed.)

A Health Resort for Jaded Workers.

To many Sarawakians the life of the interior has been shewn in the light of a hurried joy ride to Baram or Kapit, or a few days in Simanggang or some other outstation combining a visit to a native house and seeing the native life. Perhaps they may care to hear of the vast uninhabited parts of the jungle, the haunts of the jungle produce worker who helps to make our revenue, and of the less familiar wild beasts such as the rhinoceros, tiger cat, wild buffalo, etc., or again of the wonderful scenery in the side streams that abound in the *ulu's* with their waterfalls and hanging creepers, their clear pure water in which fish of all kinds can be seen, their mossy banks and caves which seem to get more beautiful the nearer one gets to the source and the mountains which start them on their downward career. One sees a great river like the Rejang at its mouths or at Sibul, and one wonders where all this water can come from. Let me take you with me, if you care to follow, and I will endeavour to depict a holiday trip for some tired office worker of Kuching or Miri who decides to go up the Rejang to its source and come back by way of the Balleh provided he is lucky in choosing a time when the water is low and progress fairly fast for, should he be unfortunate and the water rise, he would not get very far. We will take a launch to Kapit, the last station up the Rejang, where a European is to be found. There we will hire a boat which must be strong and well made to withstand the great rapids further up, and select a crew who are familiar with up river paddling, poling etc. Leaving Kapit, the water being favourable, we are paddled, pulled and poled up to Balaga where there is a fort and a Native Officer, and a small Chinese and Brunei bazaar.

On the way to Balaga only one big rapid has to be negotiated, but as soon as we leave Balaga they come in quick succession, some short and some as long as a mile or so the worst perhaps being that known as the Prong, but rapids have been described so often that it is not necessary to do so here. Some ten days above Kapit, and four or five above Balaga, we leave behind the last native house, that of the Ukits, having passed on the way several large rivers on either side. Another five days of rapids and we leave behind even the old farming lands and come to the virgin jungle, the great river here having thinned down to about 100 yards across. Little rivers come pouring into it at nearly every bend; the banks of the river here are green and mossy and great trees overhang on which monkeys sport. Some of them run away chattering on the approach of our boat and others merely look with curiosity. Often one comes across wild pig or deer feeding at the river side who give one startled glance and make for the shelter of their home, the jungle, or again catch sight of a bear, *blandak* or other wild animal whilst the *boyaks* dive from the trees with a splash into the water and one sees many of the tortoise family basking in pools. We will go up the Aput, which is the right hand source of the Rejang leaving the left hand source which rises in Mt. Duru or Guntor. Proceeding up the Aput for a day we come to the Klong, a right hand tributary, and proceed up this stream another day until in its turn we come to its right hand tributary the Ma. Here we must leave our boat, shoulder our belongings, and start to walk crossing and recrossing the Ma which is a shallow stream in low water until we come to its tributary, the Lium, and here the next day we start to climb to the range of mountains that runs East and West down between the Rejang and the Balleh from the great Bukit Tibang until it dies away in the little hills near

Kapit. A stiff climb this up onto this range where we will spend the night, and another hard day's work, out of our way a little, because we want to climb Mt. Tibang, from the summit of which we can trace the rivers and Mt. ranges of Central Borneo. There to the East stands Mt. Bulan which with Mt. Tibang watches and guards sentinel over the sources of many great rivers and hills, towering above them all, their white stones showing up clearly and their arms stretching away right and left in the form of a circle. From every peak a river starts running down between rows of mountains and hills, rivers great and rivers small, from the Rejang and Balleh or Markham and Uga or Batang Kayan down to the tiny Lium we have just left. Away to the north we can see the farm fires of the Kenyahs and hill people of Dutch Borneo and all around us the great uninhabited hills, the haunts of the rhinoceros. Mt. Bulan is the most striking looking of the Mt. Peaks, of which there are many, for right at its summit is a long oblong wall of white stone some 50 to 100 ft. in length that stands up like a castle on the peak. Looking at it from Mt. Tibang it looks very difficult to climb being sheer precipice. One turns reluctantly to descend and start again the long climb back to the Balleh and two days climbing and descending peaks of the range brings us to the Mouth of the Souraga one of the uppermost tributaries of the Balleh. Here we have a boat waiting that will take us rapidly or otherwise, according to our fancy, (one can be in Kapit in four days) back to Kapit. For sport we have seen pig, and deer abound which can be shot at the riverside or tracked; rhinoceros are few and far between and are rapidly being exterminated by Dyak hunters; buffalo there are in plenty or we can fish with rod and line or spear, and we can bathe in clear mountain water free from the fear of crocodiles. The exhilarating air of the mountains, the exercise of climbing and the magnificent views that can be obtained will send us back to our office fitter than any trip to Java or Penang perhaps with the last impression in our minds that here is a beautiful country lying idle.—(Contributed.)

Letters to B. N. B.

MY DEAR PERCY,

Many thanks for your letter Percy old plank, the incident at the country railway station did actually occur so I suppose I ought to apologise—pour out the drinks.

When I heard that my friends the enemy were attacking in massed formation, I admit having the breeze up. One at a time if you please. My retreat began in orderly fashion, and until it suddenly occurred to me that you and your bunch of marauders from the hinterland might have chartered a special train, in which case it would wait, whilst you descended to destruct me. The retreat then became a debacle and I fled to my lair in the wilderness where I—Huh! pass the salt.

Yes I saw Pecksniff, such a dear little fellow and so well mannered.

I hope Gladys Cooper has quite recovered, I am afraid the shock of seeing you in your pyjamas was too much for her. Now we know where the flies go.

Of all the things which most impressed me Percy was to see the planters literally tearing up the work, and when I saw what they 'ad done I said—thanks, same again.

Of course I knew you would not believe that I was the victim of my friends, in spite of whom I did get out alive. My one ambition now is to entice them to this quiet spot and utterly destroy them.

Well Percy old punter there is your pony get on to it, but don't blame me if you emulate the poor fellow who slipped in the hotel.

Ever thine,

CUTHBERT.

SALE OF BORNEO PONIES.

The 8 remaining Borneo ponies, now at the Astana Farm, will be drawn for on September 30th. The Price will be \$100 each.

Should there be more subscribers than ponies preference will be given to those who did not get ponies in the last draw, and should those subscribers exceed the number of ponies a draw will take place for the 8 subscribers.

Those wishing to subscribe please apply in writing to the undersigned.

Successful subscribers must remove their ponies after the draw and the Government will not be responsible for their keep or safety if not taken away.

J. BEVILLE ARCHER,

Hon. Secretary,
Kuching Races.

A correspondent has sent us, but has omitted to say by whom it was published, the following sonnet.

We apologise therefore if we have cribbed from one of contemporaries, but as so much malicious abuse has been levelled at the poor rubber tree we feel that a word from the other side will not be amiss.

Sonnet to a Rubber Tree in Slump Time.

Much has been said, and will be said again
About you, Rubber Tree, with latex white
For planting you has been men's chief delight
But now your little life seems on the wane
Unless some plan is formed to stand the strain.
Can't you assist by putting up a fight?
Resist the tapper's knife with all your might,
Turn off the milky flow, right from the main.
Or like the trees of Dante, from whose boughs
Dropped Blood, fill you the cups below with Gore.
Poor old Ramsamy in a funk would be;
Planters would tremble, and with solemn vows
Would swear not to produce you any more
Until the world requires you,—

RUBBER TREE.

1922 Race Week Golf Competition.

The following returned cards. Several other members made strenuous efforts to break the record for the maximum score over 9 Holes. As they hope to make another attempt next summer, they have refused to publish the result of their efforts.

NAME.	GROSS SCORE.	H.CAP.	NETT SCORE.
W. Service ...	44	7	37
J. P. Baird ...	44	3	41
O. Lang ...	47	3	44
C. Fenwick ...	48	4	44
H. B. Crocker ...	45	scr.	45
W. H. Geikie ...	48	3	45
Capt. Lowe ...	51	6	45
P. M. Adams ...	49	3	46
G. C. Gillan ...	47	scr.	47
R. S. Douglas ...	51	3	48
H. H. Kortright ...	55	7	48
G. D. Kidd ...	54	4	50
P. H. Hayward ...	56	6	50
H. H. The Rajah ...	54	3½	50½
P. Stewart ...	61	9	52
D. Evans ...	62	7	55
F. A. W. Page-Turner ...	65	6	59
H. E. Cutfield ...	67	5	62

H. H. the Rajah very kindly offered a Cup, and Mr. Ward a prize, for the best score returned by a Lady.

NAME.	GROSS SCORE.	H.CAP.	NETT SCORE.
Mrs. Nelson ...	56	7½	48½
Mrs. Geikie ...	59	7½	51½
Mrs. Kidd ...	90	15	75

(Contributed.)

The Borneo Company.

An issue of 400,000 Seven-and-a-Half per cent Cumulative Preference shares of the Borneo Company, of £1 each at par, has been placed by Messrs. Helbert, Wagg, and Co., Limited. The present capital of the Company is £600,000 in Ordinary shares of £1 each. The original capital was a quarter of a million sterling. In 1899 this was increased to £300,000 the additional £50,000 shares being issued at a premium of 100 per cent, and in 1920 it was raised to £900,000 by the capitalisation of reserves and undivided profits. The net profits of the company show from £88,401 in 1912 to £171,264 in 1920, and the average annual dividend on the Ordinary shares to March 31, 1921, was a little over twenty per cent. The new preference shares will be entitled to a fixed cumulative preferential dividend of seven and a half per cent per annum, which will be payable in February and August. They will rank preferentially on capital account, and holders will have the right to convert any of them at any time during the next ten years from October 1, 1922, into a like amount of Ordinary shares. Registered in 1856, the company's activities consist of the working of extensive teak forests in Upper Siam, and the carrying on of a general trading and agency business. Included in the company's assets is a herd of 400 elephants. According to the latest figures available, the assets without calculating anything for goodwill, amounted to £2,315,555 and the liabilities to £1,130,442. The company has branches in Java, Singapore, Bangkok, and agencies or representation in Penang, Ipoh, Sourabaya and Samarang, a tea estate in Sumatra, brickworks in Singapore, new wharves and warehouses in Bangkok, and a rubber estate and a gold mine in Sarawak. Three directors of the company are also directors

of the Bank of England—Messrs. G. W. Henderson, E. C. Grenfell, and A. Whitworth. The new shares will not be dealt in till about a month has elapsed, because the articles of association of the company have to be altered to permit this preference issue to be made. The proceeds of the issue will be applied partly to repaying bankers' advances and partly to furnishing additional working capital.

It is proposed to subdivide the present shares of £1 to each into 10 shares of £1 each; also that in future ownership of shares shall be unrestricted, which means that other than the hitherto privileged shareholders can be owners of shares.

(S. F. P.)

Radio Telephony in Sarawak.

The two sets received from England have been tested out for some four months with satisfactory results, but have not been used regularly owing to there being insufficient room for these additions.

The operating room has now been enlarged and the instruments permanently fixed. The sets, being small and having a working range of 100 to 150 miles on an aerial about 60 feet high, it is satisfactory that they have reached a much further distance—this was obtained, however, by some additions made up at the Kuching wireless Station and using the main aerial.

Speech and music from a gramophone have been transmitted to Singapore Commercial and Naval Wireless Stations for testing purposes on several occasions, the report from both being to the effect that the reception was quite good.

On the 30th instant the Superintendent of the former station asked for a half hour concert at 7.50 a.m. the G. O. C., Singapore, being present. His Highness the Rajah kindly allowed the Sarawak Ranger's Band to perform in the Operating Room, Kuching, and the music, including speech, was received with evident satisfaction. Within a few moments of the finish a telegram was received stating that results were loud and clear.

There are six Radio transmitters and some new receiving sets now on order for bringing up to date the present Wireless system in Sarawak and for installing in Bintulu, Dalat and Simanggang, and there may be further developments later. Since the ordinary Morse key is attached to the instrument it can always be used in bad weather in case articulation of speech is not good, the range is also further than telephony.

The stations should cost little to run since the engines are small and use kerosene. As regards reliability the land line is notoriously inefficient in the jungle and if the new stations prove as satisfactory as the present wireless plants at Kuching, Miri, Sibul, Sadong and Goebilt they should be a boon to Sarawak.

J. R. B.

The following telegram was received by the Manager in Kuching from the Singapore Manager Station.

Manager—Kuching.

H. E. The G. O. C. wishes me to convey to you and the Sarawak band his thanks and appreciation of the music rendered.

SUPT. V. P. W.

Sarawak Oil.

Over 1,000 Tons Daily From Miri.

Comparatively few people realise the importance of these oilfields in Sarawak. The production is now 1,000 tons a day, it was formerly 700—and the resources of the fields would appear to be very great indeed. The prophecy of a year ago, that it would prove to be one of the best oil producing fields in territory under the protection of the British Government has been fully borne out, and the undertaking is another testimony to the activity and enterprise of the Shell group.

The present company, Sarawak Oilfield, Ltd., was incorporated in Kuching on July 20, last year to take over the oil interests previously administered by the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., in Miri.

After many years of scientific prospecting, the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd. were rewarded for their trouble and expenditure by the appearance of large quantities of oil of good quality. The field already exploited in Sarawak has already given an extraordinary rate of production, and the oil horizons have proved numerous and extend over a large area. Each month the yield becomes greater and, as stated above, now approximates 1,100 tons of crude per day. The most noticeable feature of the field is average daily output per producing well, which, from figures published in the Petroleum Times dated January 29, 1921, is higher than that of most of the producing wells of the fields of California.

Situated as it is within three days of Singapore, and within reasonable proximity to the main trade routes from Singapore to Hongkong and Manila, and from Java to Hongkong, its geographical position—Long. 114 E. and Lat. 4.24 N.—is most advantageous both for purposes of supplying Eastern markets and for purposes of bunkering oil-driven vessels. Loading is done through two submarine pipelines carried out 2½ miles from the shore, where there is ample depth of water for the largest vessels. We think we are correct in stating that these lines are the longest submarine oil pipelines in the world. A third line—14,550 feet in length—was successfully launched on August 16, 1921. These lines enable ships to be loaded and despatched exceedingly quickly.

The situation and development of Miri is unique. Instead of being, as one would expect, a very hot climate it is exceedingly cool and healthy. In accordance with the Shell Company's usual policy, great pride has been taken in providing adequate recreation and amusements for the whole community, and Miri enjoys all the facilities of larger centres, including tennis, golf, sea-bathing, a good cinema, and a motor bus service to connect with the outlying oil producing areas. A large farm is in operation for the comfort of the community, an ice plant, vegetable gardens, etc., which permit the Colony being practically self-supporting.

The Sarawak Government gives the company every encouragement in its unremitting search for this valuable product, and the *telegrams set out above are a happy indication of the good relations which exist.—(S. T.)

* The telegrams were included in our last issue. — [Ed. S. G.]

The Kuching Sanitary and Municipal Advisory Board.

Report of Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th July 1922.

Present:—

Mr. K. H. Gillan (Chairman), Messrs. C. Fenwick, E. Parnell, Lam Chin Jee, Lau Chin Hian, Kon En Law, Tan Sum Guan, Salleh Marican, Captain C. P. Lowe, Dr. O. G. F. Luhn and Haji Hassim.

By-laws relative to Conservancy, Traffic and other Street regulations were considered and a discussion took place relative to the By-law prohibiting the use of Streets for the purpose of drying certain foodstuffs, medicinal herbs, cakes, and produce, when it was decided that the Chinese members of the Board should make enquiries of the shopkeepers and traders affected by the proposed regulations to obtain suggestions from them for any alternative arrangement. The further discussion of the By-law was therefore deferred pending a report as above.

Part VI (Buildings) of the Kuching Municipal Order 1922 was then considered and the original draft submitted duly approved with certain slight amendments.

Dr. O. G. F. Luhn asked that a discussion take place on the desirability of a No. 1 standard system of sanitation in certain areas notified by him in letters to the Chairman.

The Chairman however suggested that before doing so that the consideration of a proposal by Captain C. P. Lowe that a Committee be appointed to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a three standard system of sanitation for Kuching be considered and that if approved the question raised by Dr. Luhn be referred to this Committee. This was duly approved.

The Chairman then proposed an amendment to Captain C. P. Lowe's proposal seconded by Dr. O. G. F. Luhn that a Chinese representative be included in the Committee as originally proposed. This was approved and the original proposal seconded by Mr. Tan Sum Guan that the Committee should consist of Mr. E. Parnell, The Superintendent of Public Works, the Chief Health Officer with the additional Chinese member as approved was thereafter passed for the approval of His Highness the Rajah.

Mr. Tan Sum Guan was asked and consented to act as Chinese representative on the Committee. It was further approved that the Superintendent of Lands and Surveys be asked to attend meetings of the Committee in an advisory capacity as originally suggested in Captain C. P. Lowe's proposal.

A proposal by Dr. O. G. F. Luhn seconded by Mr. C. Fenwick that all vacant land belonging to the Government within the Municipal area be kept clear of undergrowth and in a reasonable Sanitary condition was duly approved.

It was further proposed by Mr. E. Parnell seconded by Dr. O. G. F. Luhn that arrangements be made to prevent Buffaloes from straying from their grazing ground.

In connection with the inclusion of the cross-river Kampongs within the Municipal area, it was approved that these should include all Kampongs from Kampong Tupong Batu to Kampong Pulo.

**Minutes of meeting held on Friday,
11th August 1922.**

Present:—

Mr. K. H. Gillan (Chairman), Captain C. P. Lowe, Dr. O. G. F. Luhn, Messrs. E. Parnell, C. Fenwick, Lam Chin Jee, Lau Chin Hian, Salleh Marican, Kon En Law, Tan Sum Guan, and Haji Hassim.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Tan Sum Guan reporting on a meeting of Shopkeepers in connection with the drying of foodstuffs etc. on the public streets and submitting the following suggestions.

(1) That all articles possessing an offensive smell, such as salt fish, fish roe, dried prawns, Blachan and cow-hide be dried at the site known as the "Fisherman's Village" at Padungan.

(2) That other foodstuffs etc. be dried on the River Embankment beyond the street limits.

It was therefore recommended that these suggestions be approved and that space be allotted for Public Drying Grounds on the River Embankment the vacant land at the junctions of Tabuan Road, Cross Road and Wayang Street and on the land bordered by Market and Khoo Hun Yeang Streets.

The Streets By-laws proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Kon En Law were then approved.

In connection with the Building By-laws, it was suggested and approved that as these were of so highly technical a nature they should be remitted to the Superintendent of Public Works and the Chief Health Officer for preparation and when completed, they be re-submitted to the Board for its approval.

MONTHLY REPORTS.

SADONG.

June.

General.—I arrived at Sadong from Sebangau on the 1st of the month having settled one or two small matters at the latter place. The s. s. *Alice Lorraine* arrived the same evening with Mr. Evans, passenger. Saturday the 3rd being a public holiday, the Government Offices were closed for the day. The s. s. *Chee Foo* arrived that day and left again on the 4th for Serabang.

On the 10th I left for Tabekang, arriving there on the 11th. The s. l. *Vava* had to be left at Ampungan as there was insufficient water in the river. From the 10th to the 20th the Dyaks were paying in tax. During that period I paid visits to Tabekang, Pichin and Kerosin Dyaks. Just before leaving I heard a report to the effect that Dyaks have lately been selling land to Malays and Chinese but there was no time to investigate the matter properly. It will be looked into as soon as I can get up river again. The Tabekang Dyaks complained that Malays and Chinese were interfering with their burial ground. A suitably inscribed notice board has now been erected.

On the 21st I left Tabekang, paid a hurried visit to the Segau Dyaks and thence to Ampungan where I spent the best part of the night with the Dyaks. They were very anxious that Sea Dyaks should not be allowed to invade their territory. On the 22nd I arrived at Gedong where the Dyaks already paid in tax, and finally reached Sadong on the 23rd.

A number of Sea Dyaks arrived during the month from the 2nd Division with a view to settling permanently in this District. The local *penghulus*, however, state that there is now no room for new arrivals.

C. Voon of Chop Chua Hin, Kuching, applied for permission to erect a getah-leaf factory at Sadong. This was granted, subject to the covering approval of the Resident. Formerly leaves have been exported in bulk to Kuching, so that a local factory should not only strengthen and regularise the trade in this district, but should also result in lower cost of production.

Courts.—The Courts have been moderately busy during the month. Two men were imprisoned for breach of agreement. At Tabekang three Jemman Dyaks were found guilty of stealing bird's nests and were ordered to pay compensation totalling \$84 and were fined \$25 each.

P. W. D.—Authority having been received from the Resident, the construction of a boat shed was put in hand. Unfortunately owing to a slight misunderstanding the work was held up during my absence up river. It should soon be completed now. Minor repairs were carried out in the 2nd clerk's house.

The prisoners, averaging 21, were employed on general upkeep of the station.

Rainfall for the month was 8.96 inches.

Imports.	Exports.
\$15,283	\$28,849

July.

General.—At midnight 30th June-1st July, the opium, gambling and arrack farm was turned over to Chop Jee Hak Watt, the stock transferred being 2,600 packets of opium.

On the 7th, s. s. *Alice Lorraine* arrived at 2.30 p. m. with Mrs. Mead and children and Mr. P. H. Hayward for Sadong, and Mr. Calvert and Dr. Reed for Sibn, for which place she left again the same night. Dr. Reed took the opportunity of inspecting the local hospital.

On the 10th, the Chinese junk *King Poa Li* left for Hangkang with a cargo of 784 *belian* logs.

The Pangara of Sagoang arrived on the 13th, and reported that Orang Kaya Daud had died. The deceased was a very old man.

Mr. G. T. Bates of the Borneo Company Limited arrived by the s. s. *Sri Sadong* on the 14th July and Mr. Hayward left again for Kuching by the same ship on the 15th. Mr. Bates spent about ten days in the district attempting to trace and recover various debts owing to the Company, and left again on the 25th, for Kuching.

The s. s. *Yuet Wah* came in to load coal on the 21st, Mrs. Mead and family taking passage in her to Pending, for which port she sailed again on the 23rd.

A boating accident on the 23rd, resulted in the death by drowning of one Umbat, a Dyak, who was unable to swim. His companion Anjar was an indifferent swimmer but contrived to reach the bank. Umbat's body was recovered two days later.

Public Works.—The contractor completed his work on the new boat house during the month, and prisoners have been busy constructing a slipway for the s. l. *Vava*. The roads and ornamental grounds have also received the attention of a prison gang. A slight rearrangement of water pipes and taps was taken in hand by Mr. Evans, Manager of the Colliery, and should result in a more efficient supply.

Courts.—A Chinaman named Ong Nga was sentenced to three months hard labour for living among, and interfering with, Land Dyaks at Beduk. Three Sea Dyaks from the Rejang were also sentenced to three months each for contempt of court. Last December they were ordered to leave Milikin but have

not attempted to comply. Of the remaining cases which came before the Courts, the majority concerned breaches of agreements and debts, and none deserves special mention. Fines and fees for the month amounted to \$405.61.

Rainfall 13.51 inches.

Imports.	Exports.
\$24,367	\$29,900

G. BERESFORD STOOKE,
Officer-in-Charge.

SADONG COLLIERY.

July.

The gross out-put of coal produced by the mines during the month was 2,041.03 tons; 465 tons of this was consumed by our boilers, and the balance of 1,576.03 tons delivered to the wharf, for export.

The shipments for the month were as follows:—

The Municipal Department	Kuching	268.08	tons.
The Sarawak Steamship Coy.	"	425.12	"
Chop Chin Ann and Coy.	"	959.10	"
Sibu Station	Sibu	97.00	"
	Total	1,750.10	tons.

The balance of coal in stock at the end of the month, was 1,641 tons.

The dry weather experienced during the month, was conducive to the successful stoping out of the upper seam coal underlying the clay and sand cover on West crop.

The West panel workings of No. 8 mine again struck the old workings, to the South-East.

A fall of roof took place just inside the concrete Arch entrance of the Adit at the new mines early in the month, which, with difficulty, was cleared, and the cavity arched with concrete by the 28th of the month. The miners employed in the two Slopes were engaged throughout the month on the concrete Arches, where a total length of 96 lineal feet was erected.

A good supply of the timber which had been worked and held up pending the completion of the Branch railway line being laid into the jungle, on the swamp side of the sawmill, was brought out during the month.

The main water-service was re-arranged at the Colliery junction, and also at the wharf with satisfactory results.

The works of dumping shale refuse on the swamp, behind the Blacksmith quarters was restarted with the advent of the dry season.

One of the old cows, which belonged to the original herd, was found dead near the cattleshed on the morning of 11th.

One of the coolies who had been recruited in Kuching last year, by name "Ngai Onn," absconded from the line on the 3rd and was still at large at the end of the month.

The s. s. *Yuet Wah* arrived on Friday the 21st, and left on Sunday, the 23rd, for Hongkong via Pending with 959½ tons of coal.

The rainfall for the month was 9.31 inches. Most of this quantity fell during the first half of the month as the latter half was very dry.

J. W. EVANS,
Manager.

SIMANGANG.

June.

On the 1st, tenders for the Saribas Arrack and Gambling Farms were opened, and the tender of Chop "Tong Shing" accepted at a rental of \$260 per mensem for three years, a decrease of \$60 on the former rental. The former Farmer put in a complaint that he did not know on what date the tenders were to be opened. He was informed that a notice was published in the *Sarawak Government Gazette*.

The 3rd being the birthday of H. M. King George, the Offices were closed.

Public Works.—The prison gaug, have rebuilt the road at the back of the bazaar. Many fruit trees were cut down and in consequence the road is hard. The Chinese were ordered to ditch and clean up their back yards. The prison gang also cleared the Simbau road and the short road.

I arrived at Simanggang from Kuching on the 10th having been away since March 22nd.

On the 11th the relations of Mang reported his after a short illness. This Undup Dyak was much respected, and was often of assistance to Government.

On the 13th Mr. W. F. Dick visited Betong to arrange about the auction of Chop "Chong Kee's" property. He returned to Simanggang next morning.

On the 14th Mr. H. E. Cutfield walked as far as the Tisak, and on his return reported the Dyaks had cleared the road fairly well.

The Courts were kept very busy during the month, but no cases call for special mention.

Kob Ah Lak of Kuching arrived during the month and reported that he had received information that a great number of Malays living along the coast were in possession of Kotak fishing nets. A search warrant was issued and a number of nets have been recovered. Proceedings are being taken against the Malays.

On the 23rd Mr. W. F. Dick, accompanied by Abang Zin N. O. and Draup of L. O., left for Betong. I herewith append his report.

"I left Simanggang on the 23rd accompanied by Abang Zin Native Officer, and Draup of L. O. arriving at Betong at 11 a. m.

On Saturday the 24th an auction was held of all the goods remaining in Chop Chong Kee's shop, the auction lasting the whole day.

The following day a number of cases were disposed of, the only one calling for mention being that of Malina and Munggop (*f.*) of Paku who were fined 3 and 1½ pikuls respectively for minor incest, and Jang, *Tuai Rumah*, 1½ pikuls for concealing this offence.

The following morning we left for Pusa arriving there the same day.

After settling a few cases we left at midday on Tuesday for Debak arriving there at 6 p. m. The frame work of the new Court House has been erected, but work is at present delayed for lack of nails. There were only a few minor cases for settlement none of which call for special mention.

The Malays were asked to suggest a new Native Officer in place of Abang Udim resigned. The only men suggested were Abang Gani and Abang Dulkarim.

Two Chinese Silversmiths, Ah Meng and Liang Kui were warned about borrowing money from Dyaks and giving no security.

We left Debak on Thursday morning for Pusa, arriving there at 3 p. m.

On Friday there were a few Debt Court cases. An enquiry was held concerning the death of a Dyak named Gramong and the enquiry was adjourned for further witnesses. The probable cause of death was epilepsy.

In spite of careful enquiries into the death of P. C. Siew no clue is forthcoming. The movements of several people were enquired into but without any result.

On Saturday morning we left for Betong arriving there at 11.30. Abang Zin was sent to the Paku to arrest ex P. C. Kadir. This man's movements on the night of the murder are unknown.

On Sunday there were a number of cases at Betong which were disposed of. Abang Zin returned from the Paku, having been unable to find Kadir who is reported to have gone to Ulu Rimbas. I was still away from headquarters at the end of the month.

I left for Engkilili on the 28th by s. l. *One*. Dyaks are still bringing in timber for the new Court House. When there is sufficient material the work will be built by contract. I returned next day to Simanggang.

Kalaka.—The Government stock of padi at Saratok has now been shipped to Kuching, having been taken over by the Prison Department.

The s. l. *Lupar* called in twice and on one occasion towed a raft of logs to Triso.

There has been an epidemic of influenza and a great number of deaths reported.

Reports on the pepper crop in the Roban district are bad; most of the vines have been attacked by some disease.

The following are the Trade Returns for the Division:—

	Imports.	Exports.
June, 1922 ...	\$ 65,940.50	\$ 53,667.25
Total to 30/6/22 ...	354,355.49	335,271.49
„ 30/6/21 ...	284,069.20	244,893.18

July.

On the 3rd, Mr. W. F. Dick returned from the Saribas accompanied by Abang Indut, N. O., who had come over to attend Court concerning various appeals against the decision of the Native Court, Betong.

Court.—Work has been heavy during the month; eighty-four cases came before the Courts mostly connected with land disputes and breach of agreements, but none call for special mention. On the 15th, I visited Engkilili returning next day after having settled various cases which were brought before me.

Public Works.—The prison gang was mostly employed on upkeep of roads and the carpenters were on squaring timber for new clerks quarters.

On the 21st, I left for the Kalaka accompanied by Abang Dulrasid N. O., in s. l. *One*. Kabong was reached the next day. On the 24th, I held Court, and numerous cases which had been adjourned by Abang Bujang N. O., were finally dealt with. The same day I left for Saratok I found this place kept in excellent order and great credit is due to the Native Officer, Abang Abutalip, and the Court Writer Jerah. The Malays have also put their Kampong roads in thorough order. The Malays above the bungalow are extending the road for about one mile and new houses are being built.

Dyaks and Malays have planted up sago palms on a great scale and I am informed that in a few years time the export of sago from the Kalaka will be three times greater than that at present.

On the 25th, I held Court. Chua Poh Liong an old offender was sentenced to one year's R. I. for theft. Yap Hong Koon was sentenced to five years R. I. for rape on a young Chinese girl, aged fourteen years. There were numerous other cases dealing with land and Debt Court.

I returned to Kabong on the 26th and next day settled the case, in which a great number of Malays along the coasts had been in the habit of stealing the fishing nets used by Kotak fishing boats. They were all duly punished and nets returned to the owner, who came especially from Kuching to take action.

I left Kabong on the 27th taking with me \$5,984.90 for Simanggang Treasury, on the way over I called in at Samaludam, also visited Triso, and arrived at Simanggang at 7.20 p. m.

The Forest Guard have visited most of the villages collecting royalty etc. Mohamat, F. G. Sebuyow, was ordered to visit Lingga each month.

On 31st, tenders for the Lingga Birds-nests Farm were opened, and the tender of Chop Sim Kee Chin accepted for a rental of \$100 per annum, an increase of \$32.

Towards the end of the month a spell of hot weather set in, and in consequence there was an epidemic of fever, causing many deaths amongst Malays and Dyaks.

The following are the Trade Returns for the Division:—

	Imports.	Exports.
July, 1922 ...	\$ 56,636.70	\$ 61,852.35
Total to 31/7/22 ...	410,992.19	397,123.84
„ 31/7/21 ...	337,788.30	291,090.98

F. A. W. PAGE-TURNER,
District Officer.

LOWER REJANG.

June.

REJANG.

Court.—There has been a large number of cases before both Courts. The only case of importance being one of criminal breach of trust combined with absconding under advances against Ng Hoh Hin alias Hoh Ah Kin etc. This man was sent by his Towkay, Ah Tow of Chop Soon Hock to the Sarikei branch with 1,100 packets of opium early in May this year. En route to Sarikei he absconded and was eventually arrested by some Dyaks of Ulu Sarikei and forwarded here on the 25th. Yee Poo a pepper planter, is charged with helping the absconder to evade arrest and with receiving the stolen property. The case was still adjourned for further witnesses at the end of the month.

P. W. D.—The prison gang, averaging 24 in number, has been engaged on general upkeep of the station.

General.—On the evening of the 2nd an attempt was made to set fire to Tong Lee Wah's timber godown; fortunately it was found out in time otherwise if the fire had got proper hold the whole of the sawmill buildings would have been destroyed. The culprit has not yet been found.

The Island Trading Co's. motor schooner *Kim Soon Lee* ran aground at Jerijeh Point, in a very heavy storm, in the evening of the 5th. She was refloated, with the help of the Kampong people, the next morning.

The Assistant Conservator of Forests arrived here by s. l. *Mermad* on the 7th. He returned to Sibn again on the 9th.

Trade.—The Foreign Trade Returns for the month are as follows:—

Imports.	Exports.
\$2,771	\$30,557

MATU.
 This Station has not been visited during the month. The Court Writer informs me that there nothing of importance has happened during the month.

P. W. D.—The prisoners, averaging 3, have been engaged on the usual upkeep of the Station.

Trade.—The Trade Returns for the month are as under:—

Imports.	Exports.
\$16,327	\$27,296

DARO.

I have not visited the Station during the month. The Court Writer reports that nothing of importance has happened during the month.

P. W. D.—The prisoners, averaging 5, have been engaged on general upkeep of the Station.

Trade.—The Trade Returns for the month are as follows:—

Imports.	Exports.
\$5,538	\$9,808

R. D. ST. J. HORTON,
Officer-in-Charge.

SIBU.

June.

Court.—Jawa, a Kapit Dyak, was fined \$50 and sentenced to two months imprisonment for collecting a party in the Balleh with the intention of making a raid.

A number of new jars found their way into Bina-tang from Kuching having been brought by the s. s. *Sarawak* but not entered in the ship's manifest and consequently escaped payment of duty last year. This recently come to light and Gapor, the importer, having evaded payment of the duty brought a false charge against S. Francis concerning the matter and was sent to gaol for two months and ordered to pay double duty on the jars. How the jars came to be shipped in Kuching and to whom the freight was paid is unknown.

Thai Chiang was fined \$75 for receiving stolen goods from a prisoner and the prisoner was duly punished.

A Sarikei Dyak was fined a pikul for setting a pig trap and slightly wounding a Chinese woman.

The juragan of the s. s. *Flevo* was fined \$100 for carrying more than 12 passengers, the vessel having no passenger license. Owing to these steamers not being licensed to carry passengers considerable inconvenience is caused to the community as every trip over 40 passengers could be carried each way and this is now impossible. The owners have applied for a passenger license and are willing to carry out any improvements so as to secure a license and the matter has been reported to the Shipping Master Kuching.

Public Works.—The new road to Aup has been completed and all bridges constructed with the exception of the big one across the Aup stream the timber for which is not yet ready.

Work on the new Court House is progressing satisfactorily.

The site of the new Rest House has been cleared and the material run to the site on trolleys for which a length of line was laid to the river.

The prison gang has been busy on various work weeding, carrying timber etc. etc., and the Tamil gang did a considerable amount of levelling.

General.—News having been received from Kapit that a party of Dyaks were in the Balleh preparing to raid the Panans, Penghulu Lidam was sent up to stop them. They returned and Jawa, their leader, was punished.

I left for Kapit on the 27th and while there received news from Baram by wireless to the effect that a large party of Dyaks were in the Plirau stream and that the Kenyahs there, being suspicious, were preparing to attack them. Abang Aboi was sent upriver to find out about this and information was sent to Belaga. The report that a party of Kapit Dyaks had killed 15 Siangs was also investigated but there seems to be no truth in the rumour. Capt. Andreini went above Belaga and across into the *ulu* Balleh but neither he nor Abang Aboi could obtain any confirmation of the report which would appear to have been circulated with malicious intent.

Mr. MacBryan returned the *ulu* Balui on the 8th. He made a complete census of the tribes in the Balu river and brought down some \$3,000 in Kayan tax.

The Katibas Dyaks were visited by Mr. Aplin and Abang Enjah who returned to Sibn on the 21st.

The 3rd being the anniversary of the birthday of His Majesty the King, was observed as a Public Holiday.

The s. l. *Mermaid* broke down and was sent to Selalang for repairs in her engine room which were effected through the courtesy of the Manager of the Island Trading Company.

One of the wireless operators having become mentally deranged he was taken off duty and a relief sent from Kuching.

The s. s. *Flevo* made two trips to Singapore and communication with Kuching was kept up by the s. s. *Sarawak* and *Alice Lorraine* and the motor schooner *Chin Teck Lee*.

The rainfall amounted to 8.06 inches.

July.

Court.—P. C. Mir Singh was sentenced to a year's imprisonment and dismissed the Force for an attempted indecent assault on a Chinese boy. A Dyak prisoner who escaped from custody at Sarikei was recaptured and put in irons and a sentence of a further 6 months imprisonment imposed. Two Dyaks were fined a pikul each for settling a dispute by diving.

With the exception of these cases there were none of any importance before the Courts and work was very much lighter than usual, probably owing to both Chinese and natives being busy on their farms.

Public Works.—The Rest House site was cleared and the concrete foundation put in and posts erected by the prison gang, this work being finished at the end of the month.

The prison gang also weeded some ditches and paths and worked a quantity of stone. The Tamils weeded the Bukit Lima road to the Sawmill and did a small amount of levelling.

The Court House is nearing completion. The approaches were completed by the prisoners and next month should see the building in use.

A new road from Sarikei for some miles inland through gardens was completed. This opened up a tract of country hitherto very difficult of access. The Chinese completed this work with little financial assistance from the Government.

A quantity of *belian attaps* and planks were sent to Daro for the buildings there.

General.—I returned from Kapit on the 2nd in the *Chamois*.

The s. s. *Alice Lorraine* arrived from Kuching on the 8th with the Rev. Father Dunn, Dr. Reed and Mr. Calvert, Govt. Auditor, who proceeded with the audit of the accounts here. Dr. Reed remained here till the 9th having visited Rejang and then left for Bintulu by the p. s. *Adeh*.

Messrs. H. L. Owen and J. C. Swayne arrived from Kuching by the s. l. *Chamois* on the 9th, the former on a visit and the latter proceeded to Oya by the *Chamois* on the 11th to take over charge of that Station from Mr. E. O. Bruce.

Mr. Bruce arrived from Oya by the m. l. *Leonora* on the 16th and left for Kuching en route for Simanggang, to which Station he has been appointed, by the *Chamois* on the 22nd.

I left for Kuching with Mr. H. L. Owen by the s. s. *Alice Lorraine* on the 12th returning again by the s. l. *Chamois* on the 17th.

The p. s. *Adeh* came from Kuching on the 19th en route for the North. Mr. F. G. Day arrived by her on a visit to the Station. She sailed the same day with Dr. Reed for Bintulu.

The s. l. *Chamois'* masts being very rotten these were taken out and replaced by two new ones of *bedaru* wood.

The s. l. *Mermiad* was reported by the O.-in-C. Matu to have broken one of her connecting rods while entering Kuala Matu at the end of the month and arrangements were made to have her towed to Kuching for repairs. Repairs in her engine room were effected last month and again early this month by the Island Trading Company at Selalang. This little launch is constantly giving trouble.

The s. s. *Flevo* and *Ban Siang Bee* each made one trip to Singapore during the month, and the s. s. *Alice Lorraine*, *Sarawak* and p. s. *Adeh* kept up communications with Kuching.

The p. s. *Adeh* brought 15 buffaloes from Limbang on the 27th. Mrs. H. H. Kortright and two children were passengers by her for Sibn and she left next day for Kuching with Mr. F. G. Day and the Rev. Mother Mary.

As there has been considerable trouble caused through the Chinese padi planters borrowing Dyak land here for padi planting in the past an arrangement has now been made whereby the Chinese are given the land on the left hand bank of the river between S. Pan and Binatang for the purposes of padi planting only, the Dyaks being allowed to farm on the right bank. The Chinese have been warned that should anyone plant anything but padi on this land his land will be taken away and he himself heavily fined.

Only a few Dyaks and Malays farm on the left bank and these will remove to the other side after next harvest. This arrangement will put a stop to the constant bickering between the Chinese and the Dyaks over farming land.

Messrs. Calvert and Jacques left for Kapit in the s. l. *Chamois* on the 30th to audit the accounts of the upriver Stations.

Trade.—Jelutong is still very low in price and but little is being worked in consequence. Rubber recovered slightly and a somewhat larger quantity was shipped. Large quantities of malacca canes have been worked and are being exported and a very large quantity of sago flour—some 3,000 bags—had to be left at Binatang owing to the lack of cargo space and, with considerable additions, was still awaiting shipment at the end of the month. The s. s. *Flevo* and *Ban Siang Bee* are unable to cope with the export trade under present conditions though there is not sufficient import trade to fill more than a fraction of their cargo space.

The weather was stormy and unsettled till the latter half of the month when a hot spell started and from then onwards the heat was intense. Burning was going on everywhere and the air was thick with smoke.

All Chinese and natives have been busy on their clearings, they being much assisted in this work by the unusually dry weather. Although the price of rice has fallen to what it was in normal times the Chinese appear to have every intention of planting padi on as large a scale as they did during the rice shortage and it is to be hoped that they will continue to do this in the future.

DONALD A. OWEN,
Resident 3rd Division.

OYA.

June.

Court.—A normal number of cases were heard during the month, none of which call for special comment, except that of Madun, who was sentenced to six months R. I. for burglary.

P. W. D.—The usual upkeep of roads, ditches and ornamental grounds has employed part of the prison gang. The remainder has been engaged in transporting earth from S. Dalam for the use of the Tamil gang remaking the main road at Dalat, with which better progress has been made lately considering the recent inclement weather.

The site has been cleared and levelled for the Police Barracks there, the main timber of which has now been erected.

Trade Returns.—

Exports for June	1921	...	\$51,348.95
Do.	1921	...	20,943.50
Imports for June	1921	...	22,476.55
Do.	1921	...	12,837.20

Exports include:—

Raw sago	...	441	koyans
Pearl sago	...	195	tins
G. jelutong	...	44	pikuls
G. jungkar	...	3	"
P. rubber	...	nil	"

Local market rates:—

Raw sago	...	@ \$130.00	per koyan
P. sago	...	75	" tin
G. jelutong	...	3.50	" pikul
G. jungkar	...	12.00	" "
P. rubber	...	18.00	" "

Seventeen schooners, one steamer and one motor schooner entered and cleared the port.

General.—H. H. S. Y. *Zahora*, accompanied by the p. s. *Adeh*, called off the *kuala* on the 4th instant. Unfortunately I was unable to meet His Highness the Rajah, having been instructed to proceed to Mukah.

Sergeant Dullah reported for duty on the 4th after two months accumulated leave of absence.

I left for Dalat on the 9th returning on the 16th, and visited Mukah on the 20th, for a few days to witness the Regatta.

J. Sulong, chief clerk, Dalat was granted three weeks' leave on the 4th, and proceeded to Kuching to visit his sick wife, who, I regret to say has since died.

There has been an unusually heavy rainfall this month.

E. O. BRUCE,
Officer-in-Charge.

July.

I arrived here on the 11th to relieve Mr. Bruce, who has been appointed to do duty in the Second Division and on the next two days took over cash and other matters at Dalat and Oya.

Court.—Two land cases and a few minor matters were settled.

P. W. D.—The prisoners were largely engaged on road-making at Dalat. Two prison carpenters have been employed on repairs to the kitchen and light-house keeper's quarters. Lack of material and labour have made it impossible to proceed with the erection of a new building as first suggested. Some progress has been made with the police barracks and a floating-stage at Dalat.

The telephone communication with Sibn was twice interrupted for periods of four days.

General.—Owing to Mr. Bruce's new appointment a proposed visit to the up-river Dyaks has been postponed.

On the 20th the schooner *Bunga Mas* from Kuching ran aground on the bar, and with the assistance of the *kampong* people, was got off just before a heavy squall broke. The channel has now been remarked.

Mr. Lawrence visited this station on the 29th and brought with him the Mukah dresser who attended to various patients; Mr. Lawrence was unable to return on the 31st owing to a slight accident to the m. l. *Leonora*.

The following are the statistics relating to the trade of this district.

Exports for July 1922	...	\$59,810.65
Do. 1921	...	37,238.90
Imports for July 1922	...	23,700.30
Do. 1921	...	15,613.30

Exports include:—

Raw sago	...	316 koyans
Pearl sago	...	173 tins
G. jelutong	...	44 pikuls
G. jangkar	...	1½ "
P. rubber	...	2 "

Local market rates:—

Raw sago	...	@ \$120.00 per koyan
Pearl sago	...	80 " tin-
G. jelutong	...	3.50 " pikul
G. jangkar	...	12.00 " "
P. rubber	...	20.00 " "

Twelve schooners and one steamer entered and cleared the port.

J. C. SWAYNE,
District Officer.

BINTULU.

May.

Mr. St. Vincent B. Down of Rubber Patents Ltd. arrived from Kuching by s. s. *Gladys* on the 3rd, and returned by p. s. *Adeh* on the 16th. He also made a visit to Balingean from here.

The Labang people again complaining of Penghulu Merdan and the damage done by him and his Dyaks in Sungei Labang, I sent P. C. Latip to make a thorough examination of jelutong and fruit etc. In a previous examination made by P. C. Mat there were shown some 79 jelutong trees in 11 clearings; and consequently the Dyaks were forbidden to farm in that locality. The second inspection, however, shows instead of 79 trees there were over 300 trees in these 11 farms, and that the Dyaks have actually felled and burnt over 200 trees. Penghulu Merdan stated that on his proposed farm there were 3 large and 5 small trees, and this was borne out by the examination made by P. C. Mat: he was therefore allowed to fell these trees upon paying \$40. compensation to Government. Instead of these 8 trees however, the second inspection shows that he felled 44. P. C. Mat has been dismissed the Force, as it is admitted that he never inspected the farms at all, but merely wrote down what the Penghulu told him.

Penghulu Merdan received permission to build a house of 40 doors in Sungei Labang last year, and is now about to move in. This move on his part is really unnecessary as he has still plenty of farming land left at his old place in S. Selezu. The whole matter has been reported to the Resident of the Division.

The weather has been very hot indeed all month, and there has been a great deal of sickness in the form of influenza amongst natives and others throughout the District.

It is reported that all the *engkabang* trees in the various streams are in flower.

The prisoners were employed during the whole month whitewashing and tarring the Government building.

The 24th being Proclamation Day was observed as a holiday. On the 28th Hari Raya a fair number of people visited at the Fort; as the day fell on a Sunday the holiday was taken on the following day.

Trade Returns.

Imports.	Exports.
\$18,647.85	\$32,146.66

June.

His Highness the Rajah was pleased to visit this Station and, accompanied by Mr. F. A. W. Page-Turner, arrived by p. s. *Adeh* on the morning of the 2nd. His Highness was met on the wharf by the Native Officers, and other principal people of the District.

His Highness visited the bazaar, entering several shops, and also walked through the *kampongs*. On the following morning His Highness met a representative gathering in the Fort when all persons wishing to speak on any matters were invited to do so.

His Highness sailed that afternoon for Oya.

The matter concerning Penghulu Merdan and 40 doors of Dyaks in the Sungei Labang has been settled; the Dyaks have moved out of the river, and have paid compensation for fruit and jelutong trees destroyed.

On the 9th a Chinese named Ah Chua, imprisoned for nonpayment of fine for assault and who refused to work, hanged himself in the jail with his towel from a *pak* only four feet from the floor. He was barely dead when taken down, but was an opium-smoker and in such poor condition, that although I worked over him applying artificial respiration for two hours it was without avail.

The pce. *Kim Chin Siang* arrived from Kuching on the 15th with supplies for the bazaar. There was no kerosine oil and the little sugar left was being sold at 27 cents per catty. The Chinaman of course profiteering instead of losing by his lack of foresight.

Law Hong Chai arrived as clerk on probation to take the place of Foo Fook Loi of Pandan who has resigned. It seems impossible to get a clerk who can read and write to go to a place like Pandan.

If reports are to be believed, there should be a large *engkabang* crop this year, as the trees are said to be fruiting in all the streams.

Trade Returns.

Imports.	Exports.
\$19,654.10	\$16,297.89

July.

There has been very little Court work here this month.

On the 4th the p. s. *Adeh* called to load *attaps* for Limbang; passengers on her for the North were Mr. and Mrs. Geikie, Mr. and Mrs. Service and Mr. J. P. Mead. I went to Miri by the *Adeh* returning by the same vessel on the 10th. The *Adeh* called here again on the 20th, passengers were Mr. H. L. Owen for Miri, Mr. P. Stewart for Limbang and Dr. J. G. Reed, Divisional Medical Officer for Bintulu.

Whilst here Dr. Reed paid a visit to Tatau and made altogether 42 N. A. B. injections for yaws and *multi*, and several injections for dysentery. The Dyaks came down in fair numbers to be injected, but it was impossible to treat any more as the supply of medicine ran out.

Two junks from China have called at Tatau during the month and have taken away full cargoes of *belian* timber. The s. s. *Sarawak*, s. s. *Gladys* and Pce. *Sri Marion* have also taken away cargoes of *belian* from that place.

The month has been very dry indeed only 4.05 inches of rain having fallen.

Trade Returns.

Imports.	Exports.
\$30,664.68	\$26,449.14

HENRY H. KORTRIGHT,
District Officer.

MIRI.

June.

There were usual number of Court cases. The Gambling Farmer was fined \$250 for having his house open after regulation hours. He appealed but this was dismissed.

Fines and Fees amounted to \$1,154.31.

The 3rd instant being the Birthday of H. M. King George V, the Offices were closed and the flagstaff dressed.

On the 5th instant a disturbance occurred amongst the coolies at Lutong Refinery, but it was found in the end to be of a tribal nature. Several arrests were made and culprits fined.

The lunatics and lepers of the District were transferred to Kuching.

Pangiran Tajudin, T. K. of Poyut, reported that he was moving two hours further up the Miri river and he hoped most of his people would follow; he considering it best to get further away from Messrs. Sarawak Oilfields Ltd.

The Resident 5th Division arrived from Baram on the 12th instant.

H. I. J. M. S. Sata arrived on the 14th instant for oil, but broke down several miles outside the moorings, and did not sail until 30th instant.

The new light at Tanjung Lobang had to be adjusted, the regulators being out of order.

I paid a visit to the Coast Stations from 21st instant to 27th instant.

Junit Clerk at Baram was appointed Court Writer at Niah in place of Rayup, whose work has been very unsatisfactory of late. He has now been transferred temporarily here.

These Coast Stations should be visited at least once a month, there is any amount of work to justify this and the clerk can also be kept up to date.

Some Niah people reported that they knew of some new white and black Nest caves at Samalajau. T. K. Awang Itam was ordered to accompany them and bring specimens here.

The prisoners were engaged during the month in levelling the site for New Clerk's house and carrying wood for the Church.

The rainfall was 4.01 inches.

Six tankers and twenty Cargo Steamers and one schooner cleared this port.

	Imports.	Exports.
Miri ...	\$1,251,369	\$90,879
Sibuti ...	2,551	502
Niah ...	15,692	1,063
	<u>\$1,269,612</u>	<u>\$92,444</u>

July.

The usual number of cases came before the Courts. Several persons were fined for being in possession of forged ten cent notes, but it was found that these had been unwittingly circulated by Messrs. Sarawak Oilfields Limited and on referring to the Supreme Court Kuching, previous fines were annulled and the Company fined the nominal sum of \$1 and costs.

Fines and fees amounted to \$1,257.12.

Mr. H. H. Kortright, District Officer Bintulu, and Mr. and Mrs. Service arrived by p. s. *Adah* on the 6th instant. Mr. Service surveyed the launches and lighters of Messrs. Sarawak Oilfields Limited.

Mr. and Mrs. Geikie paid a visit on the 10th instant sailing the same day.

Captain Lowe, Superintendent of Public Works Department, arrived on 9th instant by H. H. S. Y. *Zahora* and went to Baram mouth to make arrangements for the erection of the new lighthouse. He sailed again on the 12th instant.

The body of some unknown person thought to be Chinese, was found in the sea off Lutong and it is presumed he must have fallen overboard from s. s. *Kajang*; at the Coroners Inquest a verdict of "found drowned" was given.

The prisoners were engaged during month on repairing bridges and carrying wood for the new market. Half the gang are at Baram mouth carrying material for the lighthouse.

Mr. H. L. Owen, who has been appointed District Officer Baram, arrived by p. s. *Adah* on the 21st instant and left for that Station accompanied by the Divisional Resident, who returned again on the 27th instant.

The General Manager of Messrs. Sarawak Oilfields Limited left for Kuching on 26th instant returning again on the 30th instant. He took this occasion to congratulate His Highness the Rajah on the fact that during the month the millionth ton of oil had been won by his Company from its concession at Miri.

The rainfall was 7.91 inches.

Seven tankers cleared with oil.

Seventeen cargo steamers arrived and sailed.

	Imports.	Exports.
Miri ...	\$115,883	\$1,518,475
Niah ...	7,528	1,258
Sibuti ...	1,380	1,834
	<u>\$124,791</u>	<u>\$1,521,567</u>

C. D. ADAMS,
District Officer.

BARAM.

May.

A good many cases were brought before the Court during the month. One appeal case was brought before the Resident from a judgment passed in the Court of Requests. The judgment was upheld.

A disturbance took place at Bakong amongst S. O. Ltd.'s coolies owing to a fight between a *mandor* and a coolie. Several coolies went out on strike, but on an enquiry being held into the case and the mal-contented sent to Miri everything quieted down.

Penghulu Abun Wan paid in the tax of the Kayans of the Lower Baram, as did Tapong Bala for the Kalabits in the Tatau District.

Fines and fees amounted to \$793.96.

The Kayans brought down a lot of *belian* logs for Government use.

Mr. Calvert, Government Auditor, arrived from Miri on 9th leaving again on 16th. He checked the cash for the last two years and expressed himself very pleased work of the Treasury Clerk, A. Mowe.

The Resident of the 4th Division arrived on the 25th.

On 28th His Highness the Rajah paid a visit to the District. His Highness was accompanied by Mr. Page-Turner.

On 29th His Highness sat in Court and listened to any petitions or complaints and afterwards walked round inspecting the station.

On 30th a 'tuba' fishing was held at Loagan Tujoh and a good haul was made, especially towards the evening when the big fish began to come up.

31st His Highness and party returned en route for Bintulu, making a short visit to the Sarawak Oilfields Ltd.'s sawmill at Bakong on the way.

On the same day Capt. A. R. Chancellor, Inspector General of Police, S. S. arrived from Miri en route for Belait and Brunei.

Hari Raya was observed on 28th; the customary complimentary visits were paid by the Malays.

Wan Mohamat, Assistant Native Officer, was granted a month's leave to fetch his family from Simanggang.

The prisoners have been employed on the usual upkeep of roads and ditches.

It was very hot indeed for the greater part of the month, but the rains started at the new moon on 28th and the river rose very quickly. The rainfall for the month was 9.30 inches.

S. S. Gladys and p. s. Akeh each made a trip here and the Lucile and La Follette made several trips to Miri.

Trade Returns as follows:—

1922.		1921.	
Exports	\$19,049	as compared with	\$12,096
Imports	16,393		26,714
	Exports.		Imports.
Total up to date	\$31,145		\$43,107

June.

Court work has been very light and no cases call for special mention.

Tapu Buang, the Kalabit Penghulu of the Ulu Baram, arrived down on 27th bringing with him Lawai and Paran Metu, the two Kalabits who were found guilty of manslaughter. These two men have been dealt with in accordance with His Highness' decision and detained in the Fort until fines etc. have been paid up.

On the 26th a letter was received from Tama Wan Bayer, Penghulu of the Uma Poh Kayans, stating that a report had come downriver that a party of 100 Rejang Dyaks were on the warpath against the Kenyahs in the Silat District, and that he was proceeding upriver at once to investigate matters.

On the 27th this report was confirmed by a letter from the Kenyah Penghulu, Wan Tingang, to the same effect. I therefore ordered Tuanku Drahman, Native Officer, to proceed to the Silat District together with Lauting, the Dyak Penghulu, and a 'posse' of police, to try and intercept the Dyaks before they encountered the Kenyahs, and order them to return to the Rejang. Since this I have heard no further details.

Mr. Palmfrean visited the Tutau and Apoh Districts from the 13th to the 23rd. He reported nothing of importance, beyond that a certain amount of friction was going on between the Uma Poh Kayans and the Long Watts in the Apoh river over farming land. However, he ordered parties to appear in Court for the matter to be settled.

The Resident of the 4th Division returned to Miri on the 12th.

Certain irregularities were found in the Court of Requests deposit book and the auction sales book. These were adjusted and steps taken to avoid any future occurrence.

Bakong was visited by the Resident, who held Court and also selected the site for the Government Station there. The contractor had already started work on getting the timber ready for erecting the clerk's quarters and barracks.

Goh Ah Peng, the dresser for the Hospital, arrived on the 20th and has taken over his duties.

The prisoners have been engaged in repairing the

Limbang and Kampong roads and draining the valley at the back of the Fort.

Messrs. Joy and Higgins of the Sarawak Oilfields Limited commenced a survey of the banks of the Baram river from Claudetown downwards, to get some idea as to the amount of "plai" wood in the District. There is any amount of this timber on the old farming land up to the Tutau river.

The District was also visited by Capt. Chancellor, I. G. P. S. S. and Dr. and Mrs. Stookes of Miri.

Dr. Stookes kindly inspected the Hospital and was pleased to give a favourable opinion on it.

S. S. Gladys made one trip here on 20th and took away a full cargo of rattans etc. She was delayed several days at Baram mouth owing to the heavy seas prevailing.

The Trade Returns for the month are as follows:—

	1922.	1921.
Exports ...	\$15,151	\$17,946
Imports ...	18,131	11,763
Up to date		
Exports ...	\$108,293	\$93,271
Imports ...	100,014	69,421

The health of the District was good and very little sickness was reported. Several cases were at once admitted to Hospital on the arrival of the dresser, so this institution is certain to prove a great benefit to the District.

The rainfall was 5.48 inches.

R. S. DOUGLAS,
Resident 4th Division.

BROOKETON COLLIERY.

June.

The gross out-put of coal amounted to 1,275 tons, and of this 615 tons were consumed at the Colliery boilers, and the balance of 660 tons were sent to wharf.

Coal shipped to Labuan by s. l. *L'Aubaine* and lighters amounted to 741 tons, and 734 tons were supplied as bunkers to s. s. *Hounslow*, p. s. *Akeh* and local launches.

Coal sales at Labuan amounted to 525 tons of which 515 tons were taken by the Straits Steamship Company's steamers.

The stock of coal at Brooketon at the end of the month was 635.75 tons.

S. S. *Hounslow* came in to Brooketon on the 11th and sailed on the 13th after taking 600 tons of bunkers.

S. L. *L'Aubaine* was laid up for three days during the month for cleaning her boiler and general overhaul.

Everything went on well in both mining and mechanical departments during the month.

The rainfall was 6.55 inches.

S. W. HARRIS,
Acting Manager.

LIMBANG.

June.

Court.—Mumin of Sengkarai was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment for breach of the *Mohamedan Undang-undang, pasal 50*. A number of Malays at Sengkarai were fined for creating a disturbance in their *kampung*. Prisoner Ah Kho, who escaped from Limbang last month was recaptured in the Lawas District, and returned here. He has received the usual punishment for this offence.

At Lawas, where I held Court in the absence of the Assistant District Officer, Charang, a native of Banjarmasin, was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment for house breaking by night with theft, and one Abdulsamat to 18 months for abetment. Charang was sentenced to a further term for twice having attempted suicide, and for assaulting another prisoner with a *parang*. This man has now been sent to Kuching. Three Tagals were fined for assaulting another Tagal during a feast, and Tawang also a Tagal was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for wounding one Akong, a Tagal whom Tawang suspected of having had associations with his wife. Dan and Kalong Dyaks were fined for theft of a boat.

General.—I was away at Lawas from the 9th to the 18th. During my stay I paid a visit to Messrs. the Vamco Timber Company's premises at Kiangiran, Messrs. Allman and Cook kindly showing me round. They have certainly made great strides, as when I was there last March the site for the mill had only then been selected, and was covered with jungle, now a bungalow has been erected and the mill was practically ready for running.

During a short but sharp squall which passed over Lawas on the 11th, a tree, close to the landing stage, was blown down, and in falling damaged three of the Government boats, moored alongside, *i. e.*, the *m. l. Damit*, the *prauh pakarangan*, and the *kajang skrat*. The *Damit's* port and starboard bulwarks were both stove in. The motor-man had a very narrow escape, the tree missing him by only a fraction of an inch. The engines too escaped, the damage being just astern of them. I was lucky to obtain four boat-builders from *kuala Lawas* who repaired the *Damit* in six days, and made an excellent job of her.

The new motor boat *Sylvia* arrived in Labuan by the *s. s. Kajang* on the 28th. I was there with Mr. Harris the Acting Manager of the Brooketon Colliery, a motor-man and crew to meet her. Mr. Merton Brown of Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft & Co., Ltd., was also in Labuan at the time. He very kindly gave our motor-man two days tuition on the engines. During her trials the *Sylvia* ran beautifully, and on more than one occasion since, in crossing to and from Labuan, in quite nasty weather has proved herself to be a good little sea boat.

Mr. Daubeny left for the Madalam, and upper Limbang on the 24th; he expects to be away about three weeks.

Mr. Calvert having completed the audit of the 5th Division and Brooketon returned to Kuching by the *p. s. Adeh* on the 24th.

Appointments.—Abang Draman has been elected *Tuah kampong* of Pengkalan Tarap, and Brahim, Khatib of Limbang, both appointments are vice Inche Ahamat deceased.

Shipping.—The *p. s. Adeh* and the *s. s. Gladys* both made one trip during the month, and the *s. l. Peter Duff* and *m. l. Adeh* two and three trips respectively.

Seventy buffaloes were shipped to Kuching, sixteen to Sibit, and four to Miri.

The Trade Returns are as under:—

	Exports.	Imports.
Foreign ...	\$ 8,223	\$ 6,394
Coasting ...	10,080	10,433
	\$18,303	\$16,827

The rainfall recorded for the month was 14.23 inches.

F. F. BOULT,
Resident 5th Division.

LAWAS AND TRUSAN.

April.

Court.—Charang a Banjarese was arrested at Trusan in connection with a burglary in which over \$1,000 worth of jewellery was stolen from an old woman named Salia. During the search for the stolen property some rolls of black cloth were found amongst the Trusan Banjarese people. Charang subsequently confessed to having stolen this cloth at Sindumin B. N. B. Abdul Samat and Ali Usman were also detained in connection with this affair.

Piri Agong and Inat (*f.*) were fined for adultery and the latter divorced. Two Javanese were arrested from Labu without passes.

General.—I was at Trusan during the early part of the month. All the *kampong* people were ordered to clean their ditches and assist in tidying up the *kampong*. Datu Pangeran Mohamat kindly lent a buffalo to assist in drawing the timber for the new bridges. Having received instructions from His Highness The Rajah to proceed to B. N. Borneo to buy ponies, I left accordingly on 11th.

The Court Writers report as follows during my absence:—

Jala, Kamis Pasir and party who were sent to arrest various Muruts in the interior, returned empty handed, having found no trace of *Pai Langub*. After bringing five other Muruts, strongly suspected of murdering a Dyak, they allowed them all to escape whilst spending the night in a Murut house half way down. Had they tied them up as ordered this would not have occurred. The Ranger who accompanied the party, returned with another man, instead of remaining with the prisoners.

A Tagal named Kayu of Merapok was badly cut up in a drunken kawy.

Five Tagals were detained in custody pending trial. Rusdi a Javanese was detained for theft of *kuronsangs*.

I was still away at the end of the month.

The prisoners were employed in upkeep of ornamental grounds and draining swamps on the Trusan road. They were also employed on the grounds at Trusan.

The Trade Returns were:—

	Imports.	Exports.
Lawas ...	\$4,243	\$4,341
Trusan ...	7,406	6,473

Rainfall, Lawas 9.42 and Trusan 13.34 inches.

May.

I was absent in B. N. Borneo during the whole of the month.

Arab Ateng, chief of Tulit, reported that four families of Tagals had recently moved into his district. These people have been ordered to pay tax at once.

A Merapok Tagal named Ateng was severely wounded by one Tawang who suspected him of committing adultery with his wife. Ateng's wounds were successfully dressed and his assailant detained.

H. H. The Rajah, accompanied by the Divisional Resident and Mr. Page-Turner, visited Lawas on the 8th and was met by Datu Haji Pangeran Matusin, the leading Chiefs and Chinese. Messrs. Allman and Cook called on His Highness.

His Highness interviewed the principal people but nothing of importance was brought to his notice. His Highness was pleased to sanction various necessary repairs to the station.

The Divisional Resident held court and disposed of all the minor cases, there not being time to hear the more important ones.

H. H. The Rajah and party left for Brooketon on the 10th.

Two telephone repairers from Kuching overhauled the instruments at Lawas, Trusan and Sundar, which has greatly improved the communication.

Ab See was detained on a charge of theft, but succeeded in escaping custody. Charang on remand in connection with the Trusan burglary confessed to having taken part in the affair, and gave away the names of others who assisted him. This man has given a great deal of trouble in the jail, having three times attempted to commit suicide, once by hanging and twice by drowning himself. On another occasion he apparently "amoked" and attacked a fellow prisoner with a *parang*. Fortunately the weapon was blunt and by the vigilance and pluck of Lance Corporal Pangeran Omar he was frustrated in all these attempts.

The cowman was twice reported for being drunk and neglecting his duties. Five runaway Javanese coolies from Batu Apoi Estate were arrested at Trusan and four Kadayan coolies from Brunei at Sundar. These men have since been sent back via Limbang.

Loyan Ilo a Murut was brought down from the interior, but though Akal Angau went security that he would produce him when required he has through gross negligence allowed him to return. Jala is also responsible for this man's escape. Loyan Ilo had been spreading a story that the Government were going to attack some Tagals in the interior, with the result that they all fled leaving their padi which was almost ripe. Akal has been ordered to produce him or pay a fine of \$25.

A Chinaman answering to the description of an escaped prisoner from Limbang was arrested in Lawas. Lance Corporal Bayang of the Trusan squad was reported for being drunk and disorderly in a Murut house, and interfering with the women. The Ulu Tengoa Muruts paid in their tax at Trusan.

The prisoners were employed in cleaning ditches and draining swampy parts on the Trusan road.

The carpenters have not yet finished the bridges and appear to have been wasting their time for want of supervision, this work should have easily been finished by now.

Trade Returns.

	Imports.	Exports.
Lawas ...	\$3,523	\$4,078
Trusan ...	2,854	7,287

Rainfall, Lawas 11'14 and Trusan 7'97 inches.

June.

Court.—The following were fined in connection with a cutting and wounding affair, Maki \$25, Inong \$10, and Tawang \$50. Ateng was fined \$10 for interference with another man's wife. Tawang Besar was sentenced to one year R. I. for cutting and wounding, Dan and Kalong were fined \$10 each for taking a boat without the owner's permission. Kim Tang and Bakar fined for fighting. Bachee was ordered to pay \$100 to Lim Kui (f). Several Malays were fined for improperly tapping jelutong, and Si Ling for using a false *datching* was fined \$25. Cherang who confessed to being the perpetrator of the Trusan jewel robbery was sentenced to 3 years and a further sentence for attempted suicide. Abang Samat who was Cherang's partner in the robbery was sentenced to 18 months R. I.

General.—The Resident 5th Division accompanied by Mrs. Boulton visited Lawas from the 10th to 18th, and settled most of the Court work. During his visit a large tree on the river bank was blown down and badly damaged the m. l. *Damit* and two boats, these have been repaired.

I returned from British North Borneo via Kuching on the 21st.

The party sent to arrest various Muruts in the interior returned, but two murderers whom they were bringing down managed to escape on the way. Jala brought some of their property in the form of *tetavals* etc. Tai Langub is still at large.

The Trusan Muruts now sell all their produce at the shop at K. Tengoa, with the result that no tax is being paid in. Strict measures will have to be adopted by Government on this account.

Lakai Ballang reported details of a double murder which took place in the Meputeh about two years ago. The affair is being investigated.

Trusan was not visited during the month.

Health.—There has been an epidemic of influenza throughout the whole district and several deaths have been reported especially amongst the Muruts. The Lawas Kedayans accused one of their tribe of being responsible for the sickness, but the matter was firmly suppressed by the Divisional Resident.

P. W. D.—All the bridges on the Trusan road are now in order and should last for many years. A few swampy parts still require to be raised, but even so the journey can be easily be accomplished on horse-back.

The Trade Returns were:—

	Imports.	Exports.
Lawas ...	\$3,667	\$5,373
Trusan ...	4,478	5,660

Rainfall, Lawas 15'93 and Trusan 14'76 inches.

P. M. ADAMS,
Assistant District Officer.

Kuching Market Price List.

Meat.

Beef—			
Beef steak ..	per catty	40	Cents
.. Curry meal ..	..	35	..
Buffalo 1st. Quality ..	..	25	..
.. Curry meat ..	..	18	..
.. Feet ..	..	15	..
.. Heart ..	..	25	..
.. Kidneys ..	each	22	..
.. Liver ..	per catty	25	..
.. Marrow bones ..	each	30	..
.. Tail ..	..	25	..
.. Tongue ..	per catty	25	..
Pork—			
Pork lean ..	per catty	56	Cents.
.. with fat ..	..	36	..
.. fat ..	..	34	..
Pig Brain ..	each	5	..
.. Feet ..	per catty	23	..
.. Head ..	..	32	..
.. Tongue ..	..	56	..

Fish—

No. 1 Fresh			
Bawal or Duay (Puteh) ..	per catty		
Manchong ..	..	
Saangin ..	..	
Tengeri ..	..	
Gemian ..	..	
Malang ..	..	
Teluncong ..	..	
Blokok ..	..	
Krapuk ..	..	
Ikan Mera (Besar) ..	..	32	Cents.
.. Lida ..	..	
Patih ..	..	
Benong ..	..	
Labang ..	..	
Bianak ..	..	
Karoh ..	..	
Sontong ..	..	
No. 2 Fresh			
Palo ..	per catty		
Trusan ..	..	
Ikan Panjang ..	..	
Puput ..	..	
Trusok ..	..	
Blais ..	..	
Bawal or Duay (Itam) ..	..	
Ikan Bulu ..	..	
Blengas ..	..	
Ikan Mera (Kechil) ..	..	
.. Lida ..	..	
Lunduk (Puteh) ..	..	
Awar ..	..	
Gulama (Besar) ..	..	
Gonjeng ..	..	
Parang Ilang ..	..	
Orngpak ..	..	
Alu Alu ..	..	
Ringo ..	..	
Playak ..	..	
Jan ..	..	
Kusai (Besar) ..	..	
Gronggong ..	..	
Eron ..	..	
Gembong ..	..	
Kemorak ..	..	
Uasa ..	..	
Kretang ..	..	
Ikan Timah (Besar) ..	..	
Baong ..	..	
Siar ..	..	
No. 3 Fresh			
Ya ..	per catty		
Pari ..	..	
Bedukang ..	..	
Semilang ..	..	
Kitang ..	..	
Sampit ..	..	
Baong (Kechil) ..	..	
Sinjulong ..	..	
Lunduk (Mera) ..	..	
Lennek ..	..	
Bilis ..	..	
Gonjeng (Kechil) ..	..	
Sinkilat ..	..	
Simpit ..	..	
Bawal or Duay Itam (Kechil) ..	..	
Gulama (Kechil) ..	..	
Preuchong ..	..	
Kusai (Kechil) ..	..	
Rihit ..	..	
Payrang ..	..	
Bengot ..	..	
Ikan Timah (Kechil) ..	..	
Kvrong ..	..	
Talang Talang ..	..	

Cooked.

No. 1 ..	per catty	32	Cents.
.. 2 ..	..	25	..
.. 3 ..	..	11	..

Salted

No. 1 ..	..	..	16	Cents.
.. 2 ..	..	..	18	..
.. 3 ..	..	..	10	..
Crab No. 1 ..	..	..	14	Cents.
.. 2 ..	..	..	12	..
.. 3 ..	..	..	10	..
Prawns (Udang Gala) ..	..	..	23	..
Do. (" Siar) ..	..	..	23	..
Do. (" Payak) ..	..	..	11	..

Poultry etc.—

Capons ..	per catty	70	Cents.
Ducks ..	..	42	..
Fowls ..	..	60	..
Do. Dyak Breed ..	..	50	..
Geese (Fall Grown) large ..	each	\$5.00	..
Do. small ..	..	80	..
Pigeons ..	..	4	..
Eggs Fowl ..	..	4	..
Do. Ducks ..	..	14	..
Do. (Salted) ..	..	5	..

Vegetables—

Bankuang ..	per catty	2	Cents.
Brijal ..	..	5	..
Celery ..	..	6	..
Chillies (Green) ..	..	35	..
Do. (Dried) ..	..	6	..
Do. (Red) ..	..	4	..
Cocconut ..	each	3	..
Cucumber ..	per catty	16	..
French Beans ..	..	16	..
Garlic ..	..	24	..
Ginger (Fresh) ..	..	2	..
Kangkong ..	..	2	..
Labu (Merah) ..	..	6	..
Ladies Finger ..	per bundle	1	..
Lobak ..	per catty	4	..
Long Beans ..	..	14	..
Onions (Bombay) ..	..	6	..
Do. (Smaller) ..	..	15	..
Katola ..	..	15	..
Potatoes (Bengal) ..	..	24	..
Do. (Sweet) ..	..	8	..
Pria ..	..	4	..
Pumpkin ..	..	6	..
Sawi ..	..	1 1/2	..
Sireh ..	per bundle	4	..
Yams ..	per catty	4	..

Sundries—

Beetle-nut (Fresh) ..	per 100	10	Cents.
Do. (Dried) ..	per catty	32	..
Blachan ..	..	6	..
Bread (Large) ..	per loaf	5	..
Do. (Small) ..	..	55	..
Butter (Australian) ..	1 lb tin	\$1.70	..
Do. Do. ..	2 lb tin	28	..
Cinnamon ..	per catty	90	..
Cloves ..	..	35	..
Coffee ..	..	170	..
Firewood ..	per cart	12	..
Flour (Wheat) 1st. quality ..	per catty	92	..
Ghee (1st. quality) ..	..	70	..
Do. 2nd. do. ..	..	65	..
Gram (Calcutta) ..	per gantang	32	..
Jintan Hitam ..	per catty	65	..
Jadain ..	..	28	..
Jamuja ..	..	12	..
Katambar ..	per chupak	12	..
Lada Itam ..	per catty	34	..
Do. puteh ..	..	10	..
Langkua ..	per gantang	45	..
Lard ..	per packet	8	..
Matches ..	per tin	35	..
Milk ..	per bottle	28	..
Do. (Fresh) ..	..	22	..
Oil Cocconut ..	per catty	30	..
Do. do. ..	..	\$7.60	..
Do. Kachang ..	per case	7.20	..
Do. do. (Sylvan Arrow) ..	..	7.20	..
Do. do. (Tiger Brand) ..	..	7.20	..
Do. do. (Eagle do.) ..	..	7.20	..
Do. do. (Crown do.) ..	..	62	..
Rice Siam No. 1 ..	per gantang	55	..
Do. " 2 ..	..	42	..
Do. " 3 ..	..	36	..
Rice Dyak " 1 ..	..	34	..
Do. " 2 ..	..	18	..
Saffron (Fresh) ..	per catty	22	..
Do. (Dried) ..	..	6	..
Salt Fine ..	..	4	..
Do. Coarse ..	..	21	..
Sugar (Candy) ..	..	12	..
Do. (Brown) ..	..	14	..
Do. (White) ..	..	15	..
Tamarind ..	..	55	..
Tea (Ceylon) ..	per lb.	95	..
Do. (Assam) ..	..	10	..
Do. (Chinese) ..	per packet	75	..
Do. (Mating) ..	per lb.	..	..

Kuching, Foreign Trade Returns for the month of July, 1922.

IMPORTS.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Aerated water ...	cases 25	\$ 240
Ammunition ...	... 1,544	4,324
Arrack, etc. ...	... 4,260	1,116
Biscuits ...	... 2,368	17,839
Blachan ...	piculs 36 1/2	12,522
Blankets ...	... 127	2,647
Brass & copper-ware ...	... 914	30
Boots & shoes ...	... 460	706
Butter & Cheese ...	... 225	12,930
Candles ...	... 1,847	706
Canvas ...	... 1,750	12,930
Cement ...	cases 413	3,880
Cloth ...	... 80,758	22,278
Cotton ...	... 90	2,650,235
Clothing ...	... 3,000	90
Cocoanuts ...	no. 94	2,926
Coffee ...	... 130	130
Liberian, etc. ...	piculs 94	2,926
In tins ...	... 130	130
Corrugated Iron ...	... 1,401	5,209
Cotton seed ...	... 3,523	253
Crockery and glass-ware ...	... 2,631	5,490
Curry-stuffs and sauce, etc. ...	... 7,650	227
Damar ...	... 786	180
Drugs and Chemicals ...	... 2,631	5,490
For Med. purposes ...	... 2,631	5,490
Drugs ...	... 2,631	5,490
Eggs, salted ...	no. 7,650	227
Fire-arms ...	... 786	180
Fire-works ...	... 2,631	5,490
Fish ...	... 2,631	5,490
Dried ...	piculs 72 1/2	2,666
Salted ...	piculs 4 1/2	111
In tins ...	... 1,485	5,404
Flour ...	bags 1,400	5,404
Fruit ...	... 248	1,374
Fresh ...	... 574	409
Dried ...	... 713	417
In tins ...	piculs 4 1/2	417
Furniture ...	... 3,474	1,722
Ghee ...	piculs 5,638 1/2	26,274
Grains ...	piculs 2,034 1/2	7,027
Beans and peas ...	piculs 352 1/2	3,474
Padi ...	piculs 574	1,722
Rice ...	piculs 5,638 1/2	26,274
Other sorts ...	piculs 2,034 1/2	7,027
Gunnies, new ...	bales 74	10,620
Do. old ...	bundles 30	970
Hams and Bacons ...	... 56	56
Hats ...	... 1,314	1,314
Iron-ware ...	... 23,770	23,770
Jars ...	no. 10	37
Jewellery ...	... 330	330
Joss-sticks and papers ...	... 2,159	2,159
Lard ...	piculs 45 1/2	1,747
Lamps ...	... 462	462
Leather ...	piculs 9 1/2	1,840
Live stock ...	... 5	200
Cattle ...	head 5	200
Machinery ...	... 8,383	8,383
Mats ...	... 1,455	3,259
Matches ...	cases 60	490
Macaroni and vermicelli ...	... 444	6,953
Milk, Condensed ...	cases 444	6,953
Motor Lorry and Car ...	... 6,900	6,900
Oils, etc. ...	... 110 1/2	2,623
Vegetable ...	piculs 110 1/2	2,623
Lubricating ...	piculs 93	2,842
Kerosine ...	cases 4,181 1/2	28,016
Benzine ...	gallons 1,800	1,840
Methylated spirit ...	gallons 52	106
Opium raw ...	chests 3	12,100
Paint, varnish and tar ...	... 2,251	2,251
Papers ...	... 2,374	2,374
Provision sundry ...	... 5,579	5,579
Prawn refuse ...	piculs 133 1/2	568
Hope ...	... 65	1,790
Coir ...	coils 65	1,790
Manila ...	coils 8	232
Wire ...	coils 10	240
Sago pearl or raw ...	picul 1	17
TOTAL VALUE ...	...	\$325,306

IMPORTS—(Continued.)

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
<i>Brought forward</i>		
Salt ...	piculs 1,534 1/2	\$ 825,306
Soap ...	... 4,324	4,324
Stationery and books ...	... 1,116	1,116
Sugar ...	piculs 1,639 1/2	17,839
Sundries ...	... 12,522	12,522
Tea in bundles ...	boxes 93	2,647
Do. tins ...	... 30	30
Timber ...	... 706	706
Twine and thread ...	... 12,930	12,930
Tobacco ...	... 27,363	27,363
In tins cigars & cigarettes ...	... 2,412	2,412
Chinese ...	cases 39	17,302
P., Java & Sarobok, etc. ...	piculs 143 1/2	17,302
Treasure ...	... 50	50
Vegetables ...	... 3,347	3,347
Fresh ...	... 2,811	2,811
Salted ...	... 229	229
In tins ...	... 12,302	12,302
Wine and spirit ...	... 1,553	1,553
Zinc ...	... 1,553	1,553
TOTAL VALUE ...	...	\$ 448,900
Brought forward ...	...	2,650,235
Total Value to Date ...	...	\$1,099,135
1921 ...	...	\$3,315,458

EXPORTS.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Betel-nuts ...	piculs 945 1/2	\$ 4,018
Birds' nests ...	piculs 7 1/2	3,431
Blachan ...	piculs 12	100
Campfor ...	catties 13 1/2	743
Canes ...	nos. 22,407	983
Charcoal ...	piculs 2,564 1/2	2,359
Cloth ...	... 5	5
Cocoanuts ...	nos. 1,000	38
Coprah ...	piculs 1,077	10,178
Crockery-ware ...	... 1,921	1,921
Damar ...	piculs 317 1/2	8,299
Eggs (Turtle) ...	nos. 94,700	947
Empties ...	... 438	438
Fish ...	piculs 896 1/2	19,690
Hats ...	bundle 5	85
Gunnies old ...	... 85	85
Gutta and Rubber ...	... 84 1/2	1,861
Jangkar ...	piculs 1,672 1/2	10,507
Jelutong ...	piculs 1	323
Percha ...	piculs 3,621 1/2	105,106
Hides and skins ...	piculs 24 1/2	670
Iron-ware ...	... 1,440	1,440
Mats ...	... 914	914
Machinery ...	... 1,170	1,170
N. H. Specimens ...	... 16	16
Opium ...	... 1,077	1,077
Pepper (white) ...	piculs 2,296 1/2	53,295
Do. (black) ...	piculs 706 1/2	8,898
Prawn (dried) ...	piculs 64 1/2	2,284
Rattans No. 1, sega, etc. ...	piculs 65 1/2	505
No. 2, temoi, etc. ...	piculs 387 1/2	1,724
Rice ...	piculs 2 1/2	15
Sago flour ...	piculs 41,376	261,929
Sugar nipa ...	piculs 202 1/2	1,089
Sundries ...	... 2,937	2,937
Timber ...	... 1,542	1,542
Do. (manufactured) ...	... 90	90
Treasure ...	... 10,000	10,000
Tuba roots ...	piculs 540 1/2	9,791
Zinc ...	... 70	70
TOTAL VALUE ...	...	\$ 531,488
Brought forward ...	...	2,748,374
Total Value to Date ...	...	\$3,280,062
1921 ...	...	\$3,184,289

Kuching, Coasting Trade Returns for the month of July, 1922.

IMPORTS.		
ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Cattles	head	69
Coal	toms	685 1/2
Damar	piculs	77
Gutta jangkang	piculs	56 1/2
Do. jelutong	piculs	1,569 1/2
Do. percha	piculs	12 1/2
Padi	piculs	910 1/2
Plantation rubber	piculs	585 1/2
Prawn refuse	piculs	26 1/2
Pepper (white)	piculs	943
Do. (black)	piculs	168 1/2
Rattans No. 1, sega, etc.	piculs	238 1/2
Do. No. 2, temoi, etc.	piculs	695
Rice	piculs	1,795 1/2
Sago, raw	piculs	137,006
Sundries	piculs	137,006
Treasure	piculs	23,001
Vegetable seeds	piculs	1 1/2
TOTAL VALUE		\$ 275,039
Brought forward		1,543,787
Total Value to Date		\$1,819,426
1921		\$1,174,779

EXPORTS.		
ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Brass-ware		\$ 2,803
Iron-ware		7,159
Jars	no.	246
Oil, kerosine	cases	2,427 1/2
Opium		85,934
Padi	piculs	119 1/2
Rice	piculs	1,804 1/2
Sundries		190,993
Treasure		32,330
TOTAL VALUE		\$ 300,685
Brought forward		1,660,779
Total Value to Date		\$1,961,464
1921		\$1,677,946

F. G. DAY,
Registrar of Trade.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

PER s. s. Kuching:—28th July—From Singapore—Messrs. L. Peng Khoo, Wong Sun, L. Eng Chong, Nyonya C. Sin Keow and Mrs. W. Cheng Poh.

PER s. s. Kuching:—7th August—From Singapore—Messrs. G. G. Gray, C. E. Strobel, E. S. Holl, J. C. Barraclough, Inspector, Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Anderson, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Ker, Mrs. C. Calthrop, Masters T. and W. Attenborough, Misses D. Clark, M. Brodie, I. and E. Bateman and James, Mr. L. Lock Choon and S. Kim Eng.

PER p. s. Akeh:—11th August—From Miri, Eintulu and Sibn—Mr. and Mrs. Kortright and 2 Children, Messrs. C. D. Adams, M. Hood, Miller Hallett, Dr. Reed, H. D. Aplin, F. G. Carpenter and H. Calvert.

PER H. H. S. Y. Zahora:—13th August—From the North—Col. and Mrs. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Boulit and Mr. P. M. Adams.

PER s. s. Kuching:—18th August—From Singapore—Messrs. A. S. Lowe, L. R. Stadtmiller, W. J. Muggan, S. T. Ennion, A. Lange, Miss J. D. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pearce, Misses J. and S. Lange, Master R. G. Lange and 3 Children, T. Cheng Hoon and L. Cheng Soon.

PER s. s. Alice Lorraine:—25th August—From Sibn—Capt. Andreini and Mr. MacBryan.

PER s. s. Kuching:—29th August—From Singapore—Messrs. Dishop, Waterhouse, Thomas, P. Down, Weigh, E. S. Holl, Master S. F. Bickley, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bickley, Dr. Marjoribanks, Mr. and Mrs. Harston, Miss Felton, Miss E. S. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Down, C. Kee Ong, K. Hee Khye and L. K. L. Chan.

DEPARTURES.

PER s. s. Kuching:—31st July—For Singapore—Miss E. S. Andrews, Messrs. E. S. Holl, K. H. Simpson, P. Liang Huck, L. K. L. Chan, Mrs. C. Thiam Hee, Mrs. S. M. Tan and Mrs. L. Khay Leong.

PER s. s. Kuching:—10th August—For Singapore—Messrs. T. A. Roberts, T. Cheng Hoon, L. Cheng Khia and H. Hak Chak.

PER s. s. Kuching:—21st August—For Singapore—Messrs. E. S. Holl, J. C. Smith, Miss D. Clark, Mrs. Ker, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. C. Calthrop, Mr. Kho Hee Khye and Mr. and Mrs. S. Eng Chong.

PER p. s. Akeh:—22nd August—For the North—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kortright, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Boulit, Messrs. R. L. Daubeny and C. D. Adams.

PER s. s. Alice Lorraine:—22nd August—For Sibn—Messrs. H. D. Aplin and Miller-Hallett.

PER s. s. Kuching:—1st September—For Singapore—H. H. the Rajah, Messrs. O. Lang, E. S. Holl, F. G. Day, Dr. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Harston, Mr. and Mrs. Geikie, Mrs. Gillan and child, Mr. and Mrs. Gray and child and Miss Gray.

THE "SARAWAK GAZETTE" ALMANAC. SEPTEMBER, 1922.

English Days of Week.	Moons. Month.	Chi-nese Dates.	Mo'-nan. Months. Dates.	MOON'S PHASES, ETC.	High water at Kuching.	
					A. M.	P. M.
F	1	7	10	9	St. Giles	0 15 0 56
S	2	8	11	10	14th Full moon ☉	1 43 2 12
M	3	12	11	12	18th Last quarter ☾	2 57 3 21
Tu	4	13	12	12	21st New moon ☉	3 55 4 15
W	5	14	13	13	28th First quarter ☽	4 44 4 55
Th	7	16	15	14		5 18 5 28
F	8	17	16	16	Rajah Muda Basim (1841) conveyed to Brunei in H.M.S. <i>Floetoon</i> , 1844. First Meeting of Council Negri at Bintulu	5 51 6 0
S	9	18	17	17		6 22 6 30
M	10	19	18	18	Moharram (1841)	6 52 6 59
W	11	20	19	19	13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7 23 7 27
Tu	12	21	20	20		7 53 7 59
Th	13	22	21	21		8 23 8 31
Th	14	23	22	22	Orang Kaya Pemaneha Sarung of Perlis died, 1801	8 55 9 9
F	15	24	23	23	Government of Mukah vested in Sir James Brooke, 1867	9 36 10 1
S	16	25	24	24		10 11 1 2
M	17	26	25	25	14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	11 38 —
W	18	27	26	26	Installation of Rajah Sir Jas. Brooke in Kuching, Pen. Malaka built, 1842	0 21 1 3
Th	19	28	27	27		1 56 2 23
W	20	29	28	28		3 5 3 27
Th	21	30	29	29	St. Matthew, Ap.	4 3 4 19
F	22	1	30	30	*A Total Eclipse of the Sun (Sarawak first total, 1848)	4 48 5 4
S	23	2	30	30		5 34 5 49
M	24	3	1	1	Jewish New Year (5881) com.	6 17 6 31
Tu	25	4	2	2	15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7 2 7 13
W	26	5	3	3	Rajah Muda Hassan finally deposited, and Government of Sarawak handed over to Sir James Brooke, 1841.	7 2 7 13
Th	27	6	4	4		7 43 7 57
Th	28	7	5	5	H. H. The Rajah's B'day, (1874.)	8 27 8 41
W	29	8	6	6		9 10 9 30
F	29	9	7	7	St. Michael—Michaelmas Day.	10 3 10 31
S	30	10	8	8	Rajah Sir Charles Brooke hands over control of the Dyaks in the Ulu Beang & Batang Lupat to the Rajah Muda, 1916	11 5 11 48
						— 0 22

* Partial eclipse visible in Sarawak.

Sibu, Foreign Trade Returns for the month of June, 1922.

IMPORTS.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Aerated water ...	cases 12	\$ 160
Biscuits ...	...	123
Blackian ...	piculs 1.20	25
Candies ...	...	125
Cloth		
Cotton ...	...	12,697
Clothing		
Cotton ...	...	2,921
Coffee		
Liberian, etc. ...	piculs 2.20	79
Corrugated iron ...	...	545
Cotton seed ...	...	55
Crockery and glass-ware ...	...	1,506
Curry-stuff and sauce, etc. ...	...	408
Datmar ...	...	15
Drugs and Chemicals		
A. Acid ...	...	272
Drugs ...	...	1,000
Eggs, salted ...	nos. 1,000	29
Exports Returned to Shippers ...	...	120
Fire-arms ...	...	74
Fire-works ...	...	114
Fish		
Dried ...	piculs 1.85	59
Salted ...	piculs 2	31
In tins ...	...	256
Flour ...	bags 393	1,320
Fruit		
Fresh ...	...	8
Dried ...	...	46
In tins ...	...	56
Furniture ...	...	296
Grains		
Beans and peas ...	piculs 50.45	517
Rice ...	piculs 4	30
Other sorts ...	piculs 28	170
Gunnies, new ...	bales 6	800
do old ...	bundles 30	94
Hats ...	...	55
Iron-ware ...	...	1,092
Joss-sticks and papers ...	...	120
Lard ...	piculs 31.02	1,108
Lamps ...	...	167
Leather ...	piculs 30	37
Machinery ...	...	140
Mats ...	...	285
Matches ...	cases 46	716
Macaroni and vermicelli ...	...	263
Milk, Condensed ...	cases 42	698
Oils, etc.		
Vegetable ...	piculs 61.38	1,450
Kerosine ...	cases 200	1,340
Paint, varnish and tar ...	...	826
Papers ...	...	252
Provision sundry ...	...	3,752
Prawn refuse ...	piculs 42	160
Rope		
Coir ...	coils 4	60
Wire ...	coils 2	25
Salt ...	piculs 413.76	1,158
Soap ...	...	891
Stationery and books ...	...	32
Sugar ...	piculs 184.20	2,050
Sundries ...	...	2,775
Tea in bundles ...	boxes 32	328
" tins ...	...	51
Twine and thread ...	...	1,655
Tobacco		
In tins cigars & cigarettes ...	...	7,629
Chinese ...	cases 38	2,310
P. Java & Sarobok, etc. ...	piculs 25.28	3,084
Treasure ...	...	4,810
Vegetables		
Fresh ...	...	20
Salted ...	...	404
In tins ...	...	37
Wines and spirit ...	...	371
Zinc ...	...	65
Total value Foreign ...	...	\$ 63,557
" Coasting ...	...	25,523
TOTAL VALUE TO DATE ...	...	\$ 89,080
1921 ...	...	\$ 48,478

EXPORTS.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Brass-ware ...	...	145
Canes ...	nos. 142,900	6,002
Empties ...	...	119
Fish ...	piculs 17.50	590
Gutta and Rubber		
Jangkar ...	piculs 10.34	209
Jelutong ...	piculs 786.22	5,288
Plantation ...	piculs 1,864.59	46,386
Leaves Gutta ...	piculs 3.77	792
Hides ...	piculs 2.23	45
Imports returned to Shippers ...	...	180
Jars ...	no. 1	75
Mats ...	...	5
N. H. Specimens ...	...	91
Pepper, white ...	piculs 156.80	3,959
" black ...	piculs 26.04	328
Rattans, No. 1 segs, etc. ...	piculs 223.56	1,788
" No. 2 timoi, etc. ...	piculs 128.50	572
Sago flour ...	piculs 1,380	8,694
Sundries ...	...	259
Timber ...	...	5
" manufactured ...	...	2
Total value Foreign ...	...	\$ 75,482
" Coasting ...	...	8,797
TOTAL VALUE TO DATE ...	...	\$ 84,279
1921 ...	...	\$ 88,585

Sibu, Coasting Trade Returns for the month of June, 1922.

IMPORTS.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Ammunition ...	...	\$ 100
A. Acid ...	...	84
Brass & copper-ware ...	...	120
Coal ...	tons 163	1,448
Charcoal ...	picule 33	44
Fish, salted ...	piculs 111.50	555
Gutta jelutong ...	piculs 84	232
Padri ...	piculs 21	65
Iron-ware ...	...	83
Jars ...	nos. 164	2,007
Oil, kerosine ...	cases 510	4,648
Opium ...	...	7,842
Benjamin ...	gallons 180	142
Prawn dried ...	piculs 50	50
Provision ...	...	60
Raw Sago ...	...	120
Pearl ...	tins 2	2
Salt ...	piculs 76	191
Sundries ...	...	965
Sugar nipa ...	tins 137	331
Tob. in tins cigars & cigarettes ...	...	460
Treasure ...	...	5,239
Wine and spirit ...	...	115
...	...	\$ 25,523

EXPORTS.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
C. Cloth ...	...	\$ 370
Brass & copper-ware ...	...	800
Furniture ...	...	100
Plantation rubber... ..	piculs 33	228
Rice ...	piculs 24.56	116
Padri ...	piculs 6	17
Jars ...	...	455
Machinery ...	...	280
Pepper black ...	piculs 3.40	24
Provision ...	...	2,646
Rattan, No. 2 ...	piculs 52.80	125
Salt ...	piculs 25	78
Sundries ...	...	486
Tob. in tins cigars & cigarettes ...	...	590
" Siamese ...	piculs 53	80
Timber ...	...	427
" manufactured ...	...	30
Treasure ...	...	1,945
...	...	\$ 8,797

KUCHING SHIPPING RETURNS.

Arrivals.

DATE.	NAME OF VESSEL.	NAME OF CAPTAIN.	WHERE FROM.	CHINESE.		NATIVES OF INDIA.		OTHER ASIATICS.		TOTAL.
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
July 6	S. S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	W. R. Barton	Singapore	79	17	3	...	7	2	108
" 17	S. S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	W. R. Barton	Singapore	33	10	9	1	17	...	70
" 29	S. S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	W. R. Barton	Singapore	66	5	3	...	26	1	101
" 29	P. S. <i>Adeh</i> ...	Jara-ee	Brooketon	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
" 29	Bdg. <i>Submaine</i> ...	Mohd. Zin	Pamangkat	1	...	...	...	2	...	3
" 31	<i>Bandong</i> ...	Budin	Pamangkat	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Brought forward				179	32	15	1	56	8	286
Total to date				924	175	43	4	325	21	1,492
1921				1,306	235	75	11	245	31	1,903

Departures.

DATE.	NAME OF VESSEL.	NAME OF CAPTAIN.	WHITHER BOUND.	CHINESE.		NATIVES OF INDIA.		OTHER ASIATICS.		TOTAL.
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
July 3	P. S. <i>Adeh</i> ...	Jara-ee	Brooketon	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
" 9	S. S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	W. R. Barton	Singapore	25	2	3	...	4	...	34
" 17	P. S. <i>Adeh</i> ...	Jara-ee	Brooketon	...	...	...	...	12	2	14
" 19	S. S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	W. R. Barton	Singapore	38	10	3	...	15	3	69
" 25	S. S. <i>Yuet Wah</i> ...	W. L. Forster	Hongkong	96	13	...	...	...	...	106
" 31	S. S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	W. R. Barton	Singapore	37	13	1	...	5	1	57
Brought forward				195	35	8	...	36	6	281
Total to date				815	218	44	5	454	52	1,588
1921				1,011	258	52	5	490	58	1,869
1921				1,263	292	66	10	436	182	2,249

F. G. DAY,
Registrar of Trade.

Rainfall, July, 1922.

DURING 24 HOURS.

DATE.	Matang R'voir.	Sungei Tengah.	Bitulu.	Sibu.	Sadong Mines.	Miri.	The Vicarage, Kuching.	Lundu.
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1	—	—	—	—	·28	—	—	—
2	—	—	·30	·84	—	1·31	—	—
3	·05	—	·24	—	—	·47	—	—
4	—	—	—	—	—	·44	—	—
5	1·50	1·30	·60	·54	2·14	—	2·40	—
6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	1·30	·50	·15	—	—	·10	1·32	—
8	·32	·30	·40	—	·40	—	·39	—
9	—	—	—	—	—	·29	—	—
10	·65	1·30	1·37	2·10	·29	·32	3·66	·50
11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	—	—	—	·08	—	—	—	1·00
13	—	—	—	—	·57	—	—	·10
14	—	—	—	—	4·23	—	·40	2·00
15	·45	·20	—	1·00	—	—	—	—
16	—	—	·26	—	·72	·72	·01	—
17	·20	·25	—	—	·15	—	·18	—
18	·50	·20	—	·63	·13	—	·43	—
19	·70	·30	·16	1·25	·37	1·01	·43	—
20	—	—	·37	—	—	2·25	·01	—
21	—	—	·20	—	—	—	—	—
22	·08	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	·20	·10	—	—	—	—	·40	—
24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	5·95	4·45	4·05	6·39	9·81	7·91	9·63	3·60

METEOROLOGICAL RETURNS.

GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Kuching, July, 1922.

DATE.	BARO-METER.	THERMOMETER IN SHADE.						SOLAR MAXI-MUM.	Hours of Sun-shine in 24 hrs.	MUSEUM RAINFALL.
		Dry Bulb.			Wet Bulb at 8 A.M.	Maximum prev. 24 hrs.	Minimum prev. 24 hrs.			
		At 8 A.M.	8 A.M.	Noon.							3 P.M.
1	29.90 inch.	83	86	79	77.5	101	70	152	—	
2	29.90 "	82	90	77	77	100	70.5	151	.01	
3	29.90 "	80.5	88.5	72	77	98.5	71.5	146	—	
4	29.80 "	81.5	91.5	75	77.5	95	70	141	—	
5	29.85 "	81.5	89	80	77	101	71	151	2.27	
6	29.85 "	73.5	87.5	74	74	97	71	151	—	
7	29.87 "	79	93	71	74	91	71	141	1.13	
8	29.90 "	70	86	74	70	98	73.5	149	.68	
9	29.90 "	83	86	80	72	95	71	150	—	
10	29.85 "	82	86	73	77	91	72	150	3.82	
11	29.92 "	74.5	88	76	73	92	68	142	—	
12	29.90 "	79	89.5	79	76	94	69	148	—	
13	29.91 "	82.5	91	79	78.5	94	72	148	—	
14	29.92 "	82	92	80	79	95	72	152	.40	
15	29.94 "	81	96	76	77	95	71	149	—	
16	29.96 "	77	88	76	75	95	71	150	—	
17	29.94 "	78	91	77	77	93.5	70	144	.22	
18	29.90 "	82	89	74	80	95	71	151	.84	
19	29.90 "	75	86	73	75	95	72	152	.46	
20	29.85 "	73	79	76	73	94	70	157	—	
21	29.85 "	82	89	80	76.5	82	70	152	—	
22	29.85 "	78.5	91	76	76	97	71.5	148	—	
23	29.85 "	78.5	91	76	76	93	72	152	.47	
24	29.85 "	80	90	79	77	96	71	150	—	
25	29.95 "	82	90.5	77	76	93	78	142	—	
26	29.97 "	78	89	76	74	93	78	147	—	
27	29.97 "	75	89	79	74	92	72	147	—	
28	29.97 "	79	89	76	73.5	91	69	148	—	
29	29.97 "	77	91	78	73	96.5	71	148	—	
30	29.98 "	82	91.5	79	76.5	96.5	73	147	—	
31	29.97 "	76	93.5	80	78	96	71	158	—	

Highest Barometric reading 29.98 inches.

Lowest " " 29.80 "

Highest temperature (in shade) 93.5 degrees.

Lowest " " 86 "

Greatest rainfall in 24 hours 3.82 inches.

Total rainfall (Museum) 9.80 "

Height of Hospital above sea level approximately 75 feet.