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WE understand that His Highness the Rajah intends to leave Sarawak about the 4th May for Europe, immediately after the Races. Passages for His Highness and Dayang Leonora have been booked by the P. & O. *Macedonia* leaving Singapore on the 7th.

HER Highness the Rane's Birthday was observed on Wednesday, 24th February, when all Government Offices were closed. A salute of 21 guns was fired from Fort Margherita and all ships in port were dressed.

HIS Highness the Tuan Muda is expected to arrive at Kuching in time for the Races, being due in Singapore on the 23rd April by the P. & O. s.s. *Khyber*.

KUCHING was anticipating with pleasure the proposed visit on the 2nd March, for a few days, of H.M.S. *Concord* (3,750 tons), Capt. C. E. Kennedy-Purvis, from Hongkong. H.M.S. *Concord* was lent to the China Station from the Mediterranean for the last few months, and will be replaced by H.M.S. *Vindictive*.

The visit has since unfortunately had to be cancelled.

CHINESE New Year (13th) was celebrated this year with extra enthusiasm, owing, no doubt, to the general prosperity prevailing at present. The bazaar still continues to present a gay and busy scene, and the *Wayang* (consisting of about forty performers from Singapore) in the Main Bazaar being thronged daily with a seething mass of cheerful spectators.

SATURDAY night, the 15th of the first moon, was the occasion of the *Chap Goh Meh* festival, when a great discharge of crackers was continued for half an hour without cessation.

GOVERNMENT Offices were closed on Saturday the 13th and Monday the 15th, and general holidays proclaimed.

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NOTES.

February.

HIS Highness the Rajah, accompanied by the Dayang Leonora, visited Bau from the 12th to the 16th during the Chinese New Year holidays, and again left Kuching on the 22nd by the s.s. *Alice Lorraine* for a visit to the Second Division. His Highness was accompanied by Major S. Cunynghame, Commandant, Sarawak Rangers, who is desirous of obtaining more recruits from the Batang Lupar.

LIMBANG Wireless Station, we hear, commenced working on a temporary aerial on the 17th. Telegrams are now transmitted via Miri until the main masts are erected, when messages will be sent direct.

THE new Amalgamated Club house on the Golf Links is now assuming the shape of what promises to be a very imposing edifice.

The building of the new Hospital also is proceeding apace and should prove to be another substantial, yet artistic, structure.

RECENT appointments in the *Government Gazette* include Mr. C. E. A. Ermen to do duty in Kuching; Mr. J. C. Swayne to be District Officer, Lower Rejang; Mr. H. E. Cutfield to be Acting Assistant District Officer, Kalaka and Lower Saribas; Mr. G. R. Arundell to do duty at Mukah.

SEVERAL officers have been on the sick list during the month suffering from indisposition, including Messrs. Aplin, Aldridge, Bean, Carpenter, and Clunies-Ross.

WE welcome to Sarawak Mrs. E. M. Marjoribanks, wife of the Principal Medical Officer, who returned from home furlough by the s.s. *Kuching* on the 1st; also Mr. C. Clunies-Ross, who has taken up an appointment in charge of the Leper Camp, and Mr. G. D. W. Frayling, who has come to the Borneo Company, Limited.

Messrs. H. L. Owen, Resident, Fourth Division, J. C. Swayne and H. E. Cutfield returned from furlough by the same boat.

THE Commissioner of Trade and Customs, Mr. J. A. H. Hardie, returned to Kuching on the 5th after a visit of inspection to Sibul.

MR. H. H. Kortright arrived in Kuching from Bintulu for a short visit on the 1st.

MR. P. L. S. Mathews returned to Kuching per s.s. *Auby* on the 7th after a short business visit to Singapore.

MR. R. G. Riviere, who was on a visit to Sarawak, left per s.s. *Kuching* on the 5th to connect with the s.s. *Malwa* for Europe.

It is reported that Penghulu Mulok, of the Balingian District, has succumbed to small-pox.

WE have received from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. Boden Kloss, a copy of the Journal of the Malayan Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, Volume III, Part III, for December, 1925, which contains many interesting articles including:—A Chinese Wedding in the Reform Style, by W. G. Stirling; Notes on Malay Magic, by R. O. Winstedt; Malay Customs and Beliefs as recorded in Malay Literature and Folklore, by H. Overbeck; Some Malayan Birds and Insects, by A. W.

Hamilton; Some Malay Words, by A. W. Hamilton; A list of Minerals found in British Malaya together with a description of their properties, occurrences and uses, by E. S. Wilbourn; The leading Saints in Rembau, by Dato' Sedia Raja Abdullah; Early Reference to the suitability of Singapore, by C. E. Wurtzburg; The Incantation and Sacrifice of the Pawang Ma'yang, by W. B. Clarke.

In the *British North Borneo Herald* notes of the 1st February, we read that Mr. Somerset Maugham, the well-known author and playwright, has been paying a visit to North Borneo, "but he was *not* looking for copy."

"He expressed himself as very hurt at the outspoken comments in this connection which appeared in a recent issue of our Sarawak contemporary, and stated indignantly that they were entirely undeserved. The story which aroused local indignation and in which some of his Sarawak hosts saw themselves 'as in a glass darkly,' he alleges to have been based on an incident which occurred 30 years ago in Labuan and which was related to him by a very old friend, who left Labuan more than 25 years ago."

This is rather remarkable, as the principal incident referred to was based on Mr. Maugham's exciting experiences when overturned in a bore in one of the Sarawak rivers. We were unaware that similar phenomena occurred in any of the Labuan waters.

A coolie working on one of the timber camps died recently from the effects of an overdose of Chinese medicine prescribed for him by a well-meaning friend. A sample was sent to Singapore for analysis and was found to include among its ingredients such things as musk, pearl, amber, frankincense, szechuan musk-deer, scorpion and centipede bodies. We imagine that castor oil would be delicious compared to such a mixture.—(*B.N.B Herald*).

WE read that Mr. Owen Rutter has written a new novel entitled "Sepia" which is to be published by Messrs. Fisher Unwin in early January, and we are expecting a review copy shortly.

A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd Singapore last month by the Rev. Father Ruandel. The contracting parties were Mr. George Perry, of the Municipal Service, and Miss Josephine Reutens, daughter of Mr. Joseph P. Reutens, retired accountant of the Sarawak Government.—(*S.F.P.*).

DRY rubber harvested at Sungei Tengah Estate during the month of January was approximately 78,000lbs.

Arrival of H.H.M.Y. Maimuna.

H. H. the Rajah's new motor yacht *Maimuna* arrived at Goebit on the morning of the 27th February. She proceeded at once to Lingga to fetch His Highness the Rajah, and arrived in Kuching at 10 p.m. the same night.

We have received from home further interesting details regarding the construction of the ship, and publish below a few extracts from the *Motor Boat*.

In certain respects this craft is a special type of vessel, as she will be employed on passenger-carrying services, in addition to serving her owner's interests as a pleasure boat. While this class of boat is not entirely unknown, instances of construction on the scale in question are so limited that the craft calls for particular comment.

There is a roomy hold forward, and this will carry between 200 tons and 300 tons, depending on the nature of the cargo. Aft is a large store, intended for miscellaneous gear and accommodating a pair of fresh-water tanks, each holding 5 tons.

The equipment of the vessel is quite distinctive. In the first place it may be remarked that a Star contra propeller is fitted. This consists of a set of fixed blades, which enable advantage to be taken of the rotary stream of water astern of the propeller, converting the action into additional forward thrust. From the trial results it was considered that an appreciable improvement in the speed was attained, comparing the vessel with another of similar displacement and power. The mean speed of the craft over a number of runs on the measured mile worked out at 10.6 knots.

The 12 h.p. engine runs at 675 r.p.m., and there is a second auxiliary set comprising a 7 h.p. Bolinder engine coupled to a 4 kw. dynamo; the speed in this case is 800 r.p.m. This outfit supplies electric light throughout the vessel.

ACCOMMODATION AND EQUIPMENT ON DECK.

The owner's cabin is on deck forward of the funnel and entered by a door on the starboard side. It is panelled in teak, the fittings being of Honduras mahogany. There are twin white-enamelled beds in the centre, on each side being chests of drawers and mirrors. A wardrobe is arranged on the port side aft, amidships being a seat with drawers below, while to starboard is a washstand, the equipment being completed by writing-table and arm-chair also arranged on the starboard side.

An awning entirely covers the deck aft, and an open dining-table is provided. On the starboard side is a motor lifeboat carried in Sureal davits, a pulling lifeboat, similarly equipped except for the motor, being to port. The engine for the power boat comprises one of the new Beta-type semi-Diesel units, developing about 6 h.p. at a speed of approximately 900 r.p.m. Above the engine-room skylight is fitted a daily service tank for salt water.

A machine which is not always to be found in craft of this description is a compressed-air winch, located on the fore-castle and furnished with a messenger-chain drive to the Clarke Chapman anchor windlass.

PASSENGERS' QUARTERS.

Cabins for passengers and officers are arranged on the main deck aft, a further series of cabins being forward of the companion leading to the upper deck. The after accommodation comprises three cabins and a lavatory to port, while there is a similar number on the starboard side, in place of a lavatory being a store space for stowage of small gear. These after cabins are enamelled in white, each having its own electric light and a ventilating fan, while the equipment in every instance includes a wash basin and fixed seat.

Port and starboard passage-ways give access to the remainder of the accommodation, which comprises a number of single-berth and double-berth cabins finished in cream enamel. The fittings correspond to those in the after cabins; at the after end on the starboard side are a bathroom and lavatory for the use of the Rajah, two bathrooms and lavatories being provided for the use of passengers.

The main fuel tank holds 22 tons of oil, and is a deep tank forward of the engine-room, extending the width of the ship and occupying two frame spaces. There is also a daily-service tank forward of the main engine and holding one ton, a lubricating oil tank of the same capacity and located on the port side aft, together with a paraffin tank carrying 50 gallons. The designed radius of action of the vessel is 2,400 miles.

Sarawak Standard Time.

A recent Order published in the *Government Gazette* lays down that Sarawak Standard Time shall be reckoned as 7 hrs. 30 min. ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

The true local time for various outstations in Sarawak has been worked out by the Superintendent of Surveys as follows:—

Lundu	7 hrs. 19 min. 20 sec. ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.
Kuching	7 hours 21 minutes 20 seconds.
Sadong	7 " 23 " "
Simanggang	7 " 26 " 40 "
Sibu	7 " 27 " 20 "
Mukah	7 " 28 " 40 "
Bintulu	7 " 32 " 20 "
Miri	7 " 36 " "
Limbang	7 " 40 " 20 "

The Standard Time of 7 hours 30 minutes now adopted for the State of Sarawak is thus nearest to the true local time for the centre of the territory, and gives Kuching a saving of 9 minutes.

Standard Time for Malaya is 7 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time; for China, Philippines and the State of North Borneo it is 8 hours. In Sarawak thus our Standard Time will be half an hour ahead of Singapore, but half an hour behind Hongkong.

The Kuching Wireless Station receives time signals every day, and will give the right time to Outstations in Sarawak.

The effect of the new Order on the amount of daylight available for us in Kuching has been studied. It appears that the sun rises at its latest about mid-February (6.27 a.m.) then gradually rises earlier until it has knocked off some 20 minutes slowness by rising at 6.06 a.m. in May. A reaction then sets in until the end of July when it lazily rises at 6.18 a.m. Once more it has a period of earlier rising, improving through August, September and October until it rises under Sarawak Standard Time at 5.56 a.m. the first week in November. Thereafter it gets rapidly later until it reaches its latest rising time in mid-February as recorded above.

The hour of setting follows fairly closely the hour of rising. Thus the latest hour of sunset in the year in Kuching is 6.29 p.m. in mid-February, shortening to 6.14 p.m. in mid-May; lengthening again to 6.24 p.m. at the end of July; and reaching its earliest time in mid-November at 5.58 p.m.

If we take a quarter of an hour before sunrise and quarter of an hour after sunset as daylight (of sorts), we thus have throughout the year about 12½ hours every day. From mid-January to mid-March this daylight extends from about 6.06 a.m. to 6.39 p.m. For the remaining ten months of the year it extends from about 5.50 a.m. to about 6.30 p.m.

Club Notes.

SARAWAK CLUB.

Bowling Averages for January, 1926.

Name	No. of Games.	Average.
J. P. Baird ...	10	159.3
N. A. Middlemas ...	9	148.4
J. S. W. Bean ...	6	138.8
J. C. Moulton ...	6	138.0
H. D. Aplin ...	6	130.7
F. G. Carpenter ...	11	129.5
G. R. H. Arundell ...	10	126.6
W. R. B. Gifford ...	9	123.6
G. J. Reviere ...	7	122.4
J. L. Farquharson ...	6	121.5
R. D. Binnie ...	6	116.7
J. A. McCullagh ...	7	113.7
R. W. Chater ...	8	113.5
A. E. Lawrence ...	6	111.3
A. M. Forrest ...	5	97.4

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CLUB.

Billiards League, 250 up, no handicap.

FINAL RESULTS.

	Games.	Won.	Lost.
F. Shui Lian	8	8	—
Ho Hong Soon	8	7	1
Lim Soon	8	6	2
Stephen Harry	8	4	4
L. K. L. Chan	8	3	5
C. Jee Koo	8	3	5
L. Kon Fah	8	2	6
W. L. Vanderslott	8	2	6
Hon Chon Vong	8	1	7

F. Shui Lian (champion) beat Ho Hong Soon (runner-up) 250-240.

Ho Hong Soon,

Kuching, 22nd February, 1926.

Hon. Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

To

The Editor,
Sarawak Gazette,
Kuching.

SIR,

Can anybody tell us how we can get a new chimney for our windproof chimneyless lamp—it got broken in the last wind storm. No—the chimney!

OUTSTATION.

Sarawak Turf Club.



Spring Meeting, 1926.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME.

First Day: Saturday, 1st May.

1ST RACE.—2.0 p.m.— Value \$200. Presented by

Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Division IV Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs.

2ND RACE.—2.25 p.m.— Value \$200. Presented by

Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Division I Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 5 furlongs.

3RD RACE.—2.50 p.m.— Value \$200. Presented by

Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Division II Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 4 furlongs.

4TH RACE.—3.15 p.m.— Value \$200. Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Division III Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 6 furlongs.

5TH RACE.—3.40 p.m.— Value \$200. Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Division IV Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 4 furlongs.

6TH RACE.—4.5 p.m.— Value \$200. Presented by

Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Division II Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 5 furlongs.

7TH RACE.—4.45 p.m.— Value \$200. Presented by

Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Divisions III and IV Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 3 furlongs.

8TH RACE.—5.20 p.m.—The Rance's Cup.—Value \$300. A piece of plate value \$150, presented by Her Highness the Rance, with \$150 added. Second to receive \$60. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Divisions I, II, III and IV Ponies. Entrance fee \$10. Distance R.C. about 1 mile 2 furlongs and 150 yards.

Second Day: Monday, 3rd May.

1ST RACE.—2.0 p.m.— Value \$200. Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Divisions III and IV Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 4 furlongs.

2ND RACE.—2.25 p.m.—*The Tuan Muda's Cup.*—Value \$300. A piece of plate value \$150, presented by His Highness the Tuan Muda, with \$150 added. Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Division I Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 6 furlongs.

3RD RACE.—2.50 p.m.—Value \$200. Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Division II Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 6 furlongs.

4TH RACE.—3.15 p.m.—Value \$200. Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Division III Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 5 furlongs.

5TH RACE.—3.40 p.m.—Value \$200. Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Division I Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 4 furlongs.

6TH RACE.—4.5 p.m.—Value \$200. Presented by Second to receive \$50. Third to save entrance fee. A Handicap for Sarawak Division II Ponies. Top weight may be 11 stone. Entrance fee \$10. Distance 3 furlongs.

7TH RACE.—4.45 p.m.—Value \$150. (THE CONSOLATION RACE.) Second to save entrance fee. A Handicap for all Ponies which have not won a race at this Meeting. Top weight may be 11 stone. Post Entries \$5. Distance 3 furlongs.

8TH RACE.—5.30 p.m.—*The Sarawak Cup.*—Value \$500. (THE WINNERS' HANDICAP.) A piece of plate value \$200, presented by His Highness the Rajah, with \$300 added. Second to receive \$75. Third to receive \$25. A Handicap for all horses that have won a race at this Meeting, the winner of the 7th Race Second Day excepted. Top weight may be 11 stone. Post Entries \$15. Distance 4½ furlongs.

New Official Classification of Ponies.

Division I.	Division II.	Division III.	Division IV.
Billy Buster	White Wings	Kijang	Pitak
Hopeless	Untong	Snap	Bintang
Burak	Sakbon	Lee Pah	Sabek
Kiamet late	Penglima	Kuching	Bachol
Up Eight	Tolin	<i>It late</i> Akhtiar	Manna Buleh
Blazer	Kiet	Kosa	Anjing Laut
Lee Mah	Sist	Jin	Ajail
Wembley	Sarawak	Damit	Biroug
	Kluang	The Scout	Shotaway
	Bang	Man Jongg	Apa Kusa
	Nizam	Guedah	Plandok
	Adham	Ghalib	Guntor
	Beaver	Penghulu	Fan Tan
		Alladin	
		Azab	

Notice.

- All nominations, accompanied by Entrance fees, description of ponies, and declaration of colours, to be made to the Honorary Secretary not later than noon of the 13th March.
- (a) Entrance fees for ponies entered previously and scratched before this date will be returned.
(b) Handicaps for the First Day, will be published on 20th March.

- (e) In the event of ponies being scratched before 17th April, half the entrance fees will be returned.
- (d) Handicaps for the Second Day will be posted on the Notice Board of the Sarawak Club at 12 noon on the 2nd May.
- (e) In the event of ponies being scratched before 5 p.m. on that day, half the entrance fees will be returned.
- (f) Entrance fees after these dates shall be forfeited in the event of any ponies not running.
- No second prize will be given if there are less than three runners, and no third prize if less than five.
- (a) Ponies must have run on the First Day to be eligible for entry in Races on the Second Day.
(b) On the Second Day ponies must have run previously at this Meeting to be eligible for entry in the 7th Race.
- The owner of any horse entered for a race must run such horse in that race, unless he shall have declared in writing to the Honorary Secretary not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the race that his horse will not run, or unless he shall at any time previous to the starting of the race prove to the satisfaction of the Stewards that the horse is unfit to run. This rule does not apply to handicaps made on the course, scratchings for which must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary after the publication of the handicaps.
- Any Jockey who has not already won two races shall be entitled to an allowance of 5 lbs.
- No whip used in any race shall exceed two feet in length, and if spurs be worn these shall not have rowels.
- Any objection shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$10.
- The maximum fee to a winning jockey shall be \$15 and to a losing jockey \$5, in the absence of any agreement to ride for a lower sum.
- Where not otherwise especially mentioned, the Rules of the Race Course will be the same as those adopted by the Straits Racing Association.
- All communications and inquiries to be addressed to the Honorary Secretary.
- The course will be open for training on 15th March.

J. A. H. HARDIE,
Honorary Secretary,
Sarawak Turf Club.

It has been repeatedly suggested that the next race meeting should consist of three shorter afternoons of say 5 and 6 races commencing at 3.30 p.m. instead of 8 races on each of two days, commencing at 2 p.m. This rearrangement, of course, has its pros and cons, and is certainly worthy of serious consideration by the Turf Club Committee.

It must be remembered that whereas in most other race meetings as many as 8 races take place in one afternoon, a horse usually only races once. In Kuching, however, owing to fewer competitors the same pony is often called upon to race as many as 3 events in one afternoon with a two-day meeting.

There is also the question of the interval (now shortened) between events to be considered, which affects not only the spectators but our worthy friends the Handicapper and other Officials.

MONTHLY REPORTS.

FIRST DIVISION.

Kuching.

December, 1925.

Supreme Court.—Criminal.—There was one case in this Court, an appeal by Lim In Lian against the decision of the Resident's Court wherein defendant was sentenced to five years' imprisonment under I.P.C. 408. The appeal was dismissed.

In the Civil Court an appeal by Chan Qui Yeo against Chan Kee Ong, trustee to Chan Kee Soon's Estate, was upheld, this Court finding that the life insurance money should be counted as part of the estate, the Resident's Court having taken the view that the life insurance policy was a will in favour of deceased's wife and children and separate from the estate.

Resident's Court.—Criminal.—There were five cases with four convictions and one acquittal. Chong Jok See was sentenced to three years' under I.P.C. section 451.

Civil.—Four cases with claims amounting to \$1,495.66 settled. Chop Sin Ban Huat claimed a half share in a rubber garden against Chop Tan Thiam Joo, the amount of claim being \$30,000. The case is still sub judice.

There were two appeals against the decision of the District Court of which one was upheld and the other dismissed.

Duties' Court.—Fines amounted to \$28.80 and fees \$7.25.

At the beginning of the month I was at Ban, having arrived there from Lundu by walking overland from Pt. Stungkor and visiting the Dyak villages on the way.

There were no matters of importance awaiting my attention so the District Officer took me and Luchi Mohamed Zin a tour round the country in his "Beetle." The whole district seemed most prosperous and the opening up of roads for small motor traffic has benefited all alike. There are now over forty miles open to such traffic.

The Chinese bazaars in the outlying districts were in a rather dilapidated condition, but the owners have now agreed to repair them with belian attap roofs and have already ordered their timber from Lundu.

Mrs. Aplin and myself returned to Kuching on the 3rd in the *Young Harry* from Siniawan.

Pay for the three Mosque Officials at Muara Tuang Samarahan was sanctioned, there being a big Malay population in this part of the river.

At the end of the year all deposit monies were handed over to the Treasury and a new system of keeping accounts will start from the New Year.

The Batu Kawa Pork farm was let out for 1926 at a rental of \$3,610 for a year, which is double that for this year. On the 16th I accompanied H. H. the Rajah to Sibn and was away until the 22nd.

The offices were closed on 25th and 26th.

Mr. F. G. Carpenter, Acting District Officer, and Mr. Emission visited Batu Kawa on the 7th, returning to Kuching again on the 13th.

This district is generally a centre where bad characters collect, and inland is chiefly populated by Chinese. Mr. Carpenter reports that he visited the whole district and settled several minor disputes. He was told to approach the Chinese with regard to building a more substantial bazaar and he informs me of their willingness to do so. The present bazaar is roofed with leaf attaps and in most cases leaf walls. His report is attached below. This part of the country will now be visited as often possible. There have been numerous applications by Dyaks from

Sentah and Shrak to open up rubber gardens. Each applicant has been allotted three acres each at a rental of 50 cents an acre a year, but on the condition that such lots are not transferable than to others of the same race.

Mr. F. G. Carpenter, Acting District Officer, reports as follows:—

District Court—73 cases were heard of which only five were civil claims. Of the 68 criminal cases, 51 convictions were obtained and seventeen acquittals. There were eight assault cases, three theft, two cheating and 29 offences against Municipal By-laws. Fines amounted to \$163, and fees \$134 15. Claims to the value of \$1,414.36 were dealt with.

Magistrates' Court.—94 cases came forward involving claims to the value of \$1,381.60 and for which fees amounted to \$218.

Police Court.—A total of 43 cases were brought for hearing in the Police Court. Of these, thirty-eight convictions were obtained and five acquittals. There were seven cases of theft and only three of assault. Fines amounted to \$260.

Courts General.—Total cases heard 210, of which 111 were criminal offences, and 99 civil. Of the criminal charges 89 convictions and 22 acquittals were adjudged. Fines totalling \$423 were inflicted. Fees collected amounted to \$352.15, and value of claims dealt with to \$2,795.96.

Eleven charges of assault, ten of theft, and thirty-four offences against Municipal Regulations were disposed of.

Choo Song, an old offender, was imprisoned nine months and ordered six strokes for his fourth offence of picking pockets.

General.—On the 7th, accompanied by Mr. Emission, I left for Batu Kawa district. We proceeded by car to 7th mile and walked on to Batu Kitang, where we stayed overnight. On the following morning I heard a few petty complaints while Mr. Emission proceeded to Kranji to make certain Police investigations. In the afternoon we proceeded to Batu Kawa where Chop Wha Hong kindly placed his estate bungalow at our disposal. On the night of the 8th we walked through the bazaar which is in a very dilapidated condition.

On the 9th we walked to Sungei Moyan Estate, owned by Bong Siang Fah of Singapore. This estate is kept up in perfect condition and should prove a good incentive to other smaller owners on nearby estates. I am sorry to say, however, that the neighbouring owners do not appear to hold the same point of view. The Sungei Moyan Estate has applied for an extension of 3,000 acres, which, in my opinion, should be granted, as it is this type of plantation which is required in the country, which also is all too scarcely met.

The Chinese at Batu Kawa are not well pleased with the bazaar as they are afraid of fire. The various walls are fairly rotten and the roofing is of leaf attap throughout. Further the two sides of the road are so adjacent as to make the place extremely dangerous in the event of fire. The Chinese are willing to build a new bazaar either on the present site with some additional land or across river near the Pengkalan at the end of Batu Kawa road. This matter is being looked into.

We visited all the Malay Kampongs in the district and found the people comfortable and fairly prosperous. Some petty cases were brought forward for hearing at Batu Kawa and others were reported. Rajak was kept busy inspecting lands and reporting on various garden matters.

On the 12th we walked to Sungei Tengah, inspecting a few places pointed out by Rajak as likely to come under litigation in the near future en route. There was one theft case at Sungei Tengah, this was dismissed. We returned to Kuching on the 13th in m.l. *Ranger*, accompanied by Mr. Fenwick.

Sadong.

December, 1925.

Mr. A. L. Honoré, Officer-in-Charge, reports as follows:—

Court.—In the District Court, Chom was fined \$50 for selling inferior rice as first quality. On several previous occasions he has been warned for similar dealing. Manjar having served over four months on remand in gaol for accidentally wounding Gower in the knee with a gun was released on the return of Gower from hospital. There were the usual number of civil cases and one or two other small cases in the Magistrate's Court.

Prisoners.—The average number for the month was ten. The gang was employed in the general upkeep of the roads and ditches.

P.W.D.—The coolies were also kept at work on the roads and bridges. The roads are in a very soft state and the banks under bridges are in many cases giving way. Stones were laid down for a small distance on one of the kampong roads and has proved satisfactory.

Health.—There is nothing that calls for mention under this head.

Medical.—A total number of ninety-two patients were treated, some coming two or more times. This number was made up as follows:—

European one, Dyaks 28, Chinese 40, Sikhs two, Malays twenty, and Tamil one.

There were fourteen admissions into hospital and the number remaining from last month was twenty-four thus totalling thirty-eight. Twenty-six were discharged cured, one died and one was sent to Kuching, ten therefore remaining.

The case sent to Kuching was one of simple fracture of the femur and ribs. The patient left for Kuching the same day.

The death was due to pulmonary tuberculosis.

Forty-seven injections for yaws have been given at the Dispensary.

Two operations of abscesses were performed under local anaesthetic and also a few minor operations.

Education.—The Chinese infant school at Serian was closed down at the request of the schoolmaster as attendance there does not justify its continuation. It appears the school is situated in a place that makes it very hard for the children to reach. The amalgamated Roman Catholic and Chinese school at Tabekang is on the other hand well attended, both masters appearing to be very keen.

General.—I left the station on the 7th to make further inquiries into and examine other witnesses with regard to the accusation brought by the Orang Kaya of Temong against the Native Officer of Tabekang. I held Court at Gedong on the same afternoon leaving for Tabekang the next day. Not being able to arrive at a satisfactory proving of the case, I decided to proceed to Temong itself. I reached Tabedoo on the 10th and proceeded to Temong the next morning and found everything pointing to the justification of the Dyaks. As for the escaped prisoner ex Orang Kaya Layu it is certain he is in hiding at Temong and is still really Orang Kaya and holds the district in fear of him. After returning to Tabekang I went to examine the new *rentis* dividing the Ris and Lanchang districts of which the Ris complain. The explanation was that the same name is given to two totally different hills and the surveyors took the wrong one. On the 14th I returned to Tabekang.

On the 23rd Mr. Barnes and Mr. Calvert visited the station to spend Christmas at the mines. Messrs. R. D. Binmie and F. H. Pollard passed through on their way to Limbang. On the 27th I left for Kuching and was still away at the end of the month.

Rainfall for the month was 12.65.

Shipping.—Calls were made during the month as follows:—

S.S. <i>L'Aubaine</i> ...	4 times
S.S. <i>Alice Lorraine</i> ...	once
S.S. <i>Gladys</i> ...	once
S.J. <i>Sri Sadong</i> ...	4 times
M.L. <i>Muaratebas</i> ...	twice
Pee. <i>Sri Mas Igan</i> ...	once
Pee. <i>Sri Mukah</i> ...	once

Trade.—The local Trade Returns for comparison with last year are as follows:—

	Imports.	Exports.
December 1925	\$41,310	\$51,433.80
.. 1924	23,770	32,813.00

Bau, Upper Sarawak.

December, 1925.

Mr. F. H. Kortright, District Officer, reports as follows:—

The Divisional Officer, accompanied by Inchi Mohamed Zin, visited the district on his return overland from Lunin at the beginning of the month.

On the 7th Their Highnesses the Rajah and Ranee, with Dayangs Leonora, Elizabeth and Yava, visited Upper Sarawak. They received a very hearty welcome from a large gathering of Chinese and Natives and a firework display was given in honour of their visit.

The Orang Kaya and Pengarah of Jagoi Staas came to report that their Kampongs had split up and ten doors had moved to a site nearer the Dutch border. A notice of warning was sent to these people that if they trespassed over the border they did so at their own risk.

The Serambu Dyaks cleared the scrub and overhanging branches along the telephone line between Batu Kitang and Bau while the Skiat Dyaks cleared that along all the other roads.

Numerous complaints have been made against Orang Kaya Pa Ngadi of Singghi, and as he now seldom lives in the Kampong and has no control over his people it is proposed to ask him to resign, and to elect a new man early next year.

On the 24th I went to Kuching to spend Christmas week. Owing to very heavy incessant rains the road was impossible to make the journey by car.

H. D. APLIN,
Divisional Officer.

SADONG COLLIERY.

January, 1926.

The output, export, local consumption, conversion to coke and coal stock figures for the month were as follows:—

1st January stock balance ...	351.03 tons.
January gross output ...	1,916.19 "
	Total 2,268.02 "
Shipped ...	1,258.07 tons
Consumed by boilers and conversion into coke	379.07 "
	1,637.14
Stock balance ...	630.03 tons.

Conditions obtaining below ground were much the same as those reported for the previous month.

Messrs. J. R. Barnes, Superintendent of Telegraphs, and H. M. Calvert, Government Auditor, returned to Kuching by the s.s. *L'Aubaine* on the 4th.

One, Lam Kam, Chinese miner, employed at No. 8 Mine, received rather a severe injury to his spine at the beginning of his shift on the morning of the 22nd, and was sent for treatment at the General Hospital by s.l. *L'Aubaine* the same day.

As it has been very difficult to obtain belian attaps locally except in small quantities at a ridiculously high price (\$120 per lakh), I proceeded to the Upper Simunjan district on the 15th to interview the Dyaks residing there about working attaps required for Government use. The Dyaks invariably welcomed the idea and promised to deliver the attaps at Towkay Ah Bok's shop on the Lake, at \$50 per lakh, as soon as the padi harvest is over, the royalty and cost of transit to Simunjan wharf over and above this being paid by Government.

Defaulting Malay timber workers who had taken out advances to work timber a year ago were brought before the Court and kindly warned by the Officer-in-Charge. This has already had the desired effect, and quantities of wood are now arriving almost daily.

The rainfall for the month was 20.25 inches.

J. W. EVANS,
Manager.

SECOND DIVISION.

Simanggang.

December, 1925.

Court.—Resident's Court.—Only one case came before this Court namely Chop Kim Heng vs. Chop Seng Joo claim for \$2,000 and interest, the claim was dismissed.

District Court.—Ah Leng of Debak was sentenced to one year's R.I. for absconding under advances; Akul (*f*), Sarong (*f*), and Ratek, all of Saratok, were before the Court on a charge of procuring abortion and concealing same, Akul (*f*) was sentenced to one year's R.I. and the other two defendants fined; Baki was sentenced to one year's R.I. for breach of trust; Government vs. Ah Jak, Ah Pat, and Ah Moi, of Betong, charge assault. Ah Jak and Ah Moi were fined \$25 each, and Ah Pat second offence sentenced to three months' R.I. and loses his pledge of \$100. There were numerous other cases and also a great number came before the Magistrate's Court, but none of any importance.

General.—The weather during the month was extremely wet and stormy.

The fruit season is not a success. A great number of Malays from the coast station arrived and proceeded to the Skrang and Lubok Antu in order to buy durian fruit.

The reports on the hill padi are very promising and natives are still planting out young padi plants on the swamp land. It is very difficult to get Dyak rice or padi as the Dyaks get a good price for para rubber and in consequence do not bring down rice for sale, as this commodity is difficult to transport, especially from the Undup.

On the 7th—Mr. R. L. Daubeny and Mr. D. E. Calver, Assistant Conservator of Forests, left for Kalaka and Saribas, accompanied by Datu Haji Dulasri, the former returning again on the 22nd and latter on the 19th.

Over 100 Dyak coolies from above Lubok Antu arrived during the month, they were signed on as coolies for the Sarawak Oilfields Limited, Miri.

Abang Indut, Native Officer of Betong, Saribas, was dismissed his post and also fined \$100 for buying stolen property. This Native Officer's behaviour has been very unsatisfactory for some considerable time.

On the 28th I left for Lingga in m.l. *One* and boarded s.s. *L'Aubaine*, setting sail for Kuching in order to attend the New Year festivities.

Medical.—A total of 336 people were treated during the month as follows:—Europeans 2, Malays 33, Chinese 24, Dyaks 272.

202 cases of N.A.B. Injections for yaws, etc., were given during the month, and 7,653 people were vaccinated.

Public Works.—The prisoners averaged 58.96 and were employed on deepening the Sembang road ditches, also digging out the dock of m.l. *One* and general upkeep of ornamental grounds.

Cattle.—Simanggang herd number 100 head, and one head killed for sale. Lubok Antu herd number 39 head.

Agriculture.—3 permits to plant pepper and 108 to plant rubber were issued during the month.

Forestry.—The Assistant Conservator of Forests reports as follows:—

The Assistant Conservator accompanied the District Magistrate on a round of duty in the Kalaka and Saribas rivers, and visited the whole of the Government Stations in these districts. Preliminary arrangements were made for the extension of Forest Department control in these localities during 1926.

Towards the end of the month the Assistant Conservator made a detailed inspection of a jelutong working area in the Lingga District. The results indicate that the destruction of the jelutong trees throughout the country may be even more advanced than was feared. Out of 184 trees examined, only 13 were found to be in condition for further tapping (and of these 13, 11 were already badly wounded). The remaining 171 trees were either killed by bad tapping or undersized.

Trade.—The principal exports were:—

Gutta Jelutong	...	99	piculs	valued at	\$ 2,532
Pepper White	...	474	do.	do.	36,772
Pepper Black	...	224	do.	do.	1,361
Para Rubber	...	145.60	do.	do.	26,427
Para Scrap	...	42.40	do.	do.	7,392
Raw Sago	...	210	do.	do.	640

	Imports.	Exports.
December, 1925	\$11,595	\$77,728
" 1924	44,983	38,558

Mr. R. L. Daubeny reports as follows on his trip to the Kalaka and Saribas:—

Kalaka Court, Saratok.—The following cases were settled: Two cases of theft when Udak and Jeman were given 6 months and 3 months respectively; Abang Haji Abdullah vs. Haji Amit, sago dispute, the land in question being divided into two, between the contestants; Lim Chiew Hai vs. Lee Pak Soi and Minah (*f*) adultery, defendants being fined \$60 each; Government vs. Akul (*f*) and Ratek, concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body, section 318 I.P.C. This case was referred to Resident's Court, Simanggang, as the mother of the child, Sudan (*f*), died at the same time under suspicious circumstances. The remains of the child's corpse were ordered to be exhumed.

Court, Kubong.—Liah (*f*) vs. Man, use of criminal force to dishonour plaintiff, section 355 I.P.C. This charge was found to be untrue by the Court and both parties were fined for adultery 60 real 6 suku, another 30 reals and 3 suku being imposed on defendant as he was the instigator of the deed. Langin (*f*), plaintiff's witness, was also fined 60 real 6 suku for giving false evidence in the case. One small debt case settled.

P.W.D.—The prisoners at Kabong and Saratok have been engaged on the Ornamental Grounds. One prisoner at Saratok acting as cowman. The Chinese at Saratok were given three months' time to complete the road behind the bazaar, which they

had not yet started. I inspected the herd at Kabong and Saratok and found same to be in good order. The wireless station at Saratok is finished and appears to have been well built, the kitchen having a cement flooring and being joined to the main building by a covered way. The wireless masts are ready but not yet erected. Tenders were invited for the new jail and two rooms for the barracks, only two being received, Abang Kawi \$1,030, and Jagan \$1,035, for both buildings. These tenders were not accepted as they exceeded the sum allotted for these buildings. Further tenders were invited. The well at Kabong was also inspected and found to be full of water. The tank, however, appeared to be slightly eaten by rust.

General Miscellaneous.—The Chinese at Saratok made a formal complaint with regard to the Sibü Chinese (Teo Chiew) when they come over to Saratok and purchase rubber at a higher price than the Saratok Chinese can afford, thus reducing their chances of trade. Whereas the Saratok Chinese can only afford to give \$1.60 for rubber, the Sibü Chinese will give \$1.80 for the same rubber, thus the Saratok Chinese are losing a great amount of customers. I informed them that the matter would be put before the Resident on my return. P.C. Daud, Saratok, wishes to retire at the end of the year; he was told to find a substitute first. P.C. Sat has resigned and P.C. Terungai has taken his place. P.C. Usop, Kabong, also wishes to retire at the end of the year; he was told to find a substitute first. Owing to a heavy fresh in the river and bad weather there were not many Dyaks at Saratok. Penghulu Nyalu and Undom only arrived. I visited Ioban on the 13th, Sunday, and found everything correct there. The contract for tapping Government rubber trees round the Fort was given to P. Corpl. Remat on half shares agreement. The cash at Kabong and Saratok was checked and found to be all correct, a surplus of \$6.15 being found however in the Saratok cash. Left for Pusa from Kabong on 15th December and arrived the same day at 3 p.m.

Saribas Court, Debak.—The following cases were settled: Bidah (*f.*) vs. Makoh and Ayang (*f.*) adultery, defendants being fined 20 cattiees each; Timok vs. Gelegar, sago appeal dismissed; Peh Yong vs. Tassan theft, defendant and Bisai fined \$15 for using plaintiff's rubber chop; Abang Tamim vs. Abang Ahir, rubber garden dispute case dismissed; Government vs. Malina (*f.*) and Cherembang, unlawful wedlock, case adjourned for settlement by Resident Court Simanggang. Engkabang vs. Leman, Liah (*f.*), Beluk, appeal re sago dispute, dismissed; P.C. Jemat and Abang Tamim fined 15 real for spreading scandal in re Abang Sedik Native Officer, Debak.

Pusa.—There were only two cases here, one of debt, and one claim for damages against P.C. Leong by a Chinaman in the bazaar, \$4.50 being the price of a goat. This was allowed as P.C. Leong had previously agreed to pay.

Betong.—The following people were summoned for breach of Quarantine Regulations: Ah Chau fined \$50, Ah La \$50, Jabu \$50, Chandu (*f.*) \$50, Ah Loi \$100, Basik costs \$1.25, Entri one picul and costs, Deli 20 cattiees, Guntor 30 cattiees, Chundi 30 cattiees, Awang Sapong \$10. The following were sentenced to three months' imprisonment, Luta, Braok, Manggas, Chagat Ujai, and Jampang. The following cases were also heard: Fah Chin vs. Soo Long, Sook Thai and Ah Wee, breach of Pork Farm Regulations and attempted assault, defendants being fined \$25 each and ordered to deposit \$500 each as security for good behaviour for one year from date; Ah Yew and Hee Chong vs. Chop Fah Chin, breach of Market Rate Regulations, case dismissed; Government vs.

Tan Nam Sin, Sim Eng Kee and Ah Nga, breach of Opium Regulations, case dismissed; Kumi (*f.*) vs. P.C. Ugah, trespass, adjourned from N.C., defendant was fined 30 cattiees and Tambi Bujang prisoner given one month extra for receiving bribe from P.C. Ugah; The Rev. W. Linton vs. Ah Tong, debt and breach of verbal agreement, defendant being ordered to pay the debt in full and return to work for one month or else pay plaintiff \$25. Defendant was also fined \$10 for breaking into plaintiff's kitchen. Tek Man vs. Ah Lim, assault, defendant being fined \$5 and costs; P.C. Entri vs. Sumbang, theft, defendant being imprisoned for 1½ years; Government vs. Abang Indut, purchasing stolen property section 411, case referred to Resident's Court Simanggang for settlement. Inquiry held into letter from Abang Indut re Ah Nen and Abang Amat. Tong On vs. Kim Wha Heng, breach of Spirit Farm Regulations, case adjourned for examination of defendant's shop and accounts.

F.W.D., Betong.—Tambi Bujang (prisoner) has been engaged in clearing out the drain round the Court House and improving certain parts of the road past the Police Barracks. The bazaar was in good condition. The roads were in a bad state owing to the heavy rains that had fallen lately.

Debak.—Everything was in order on my arrival. Glangan put forward a request for building two new shops on the up river end of the bazaar; he was told to wait approval by Resident. Wood for the new shops on the down river side are ready for working. The Kampong road has been well repaired, all the muddy parts being replaced by gravel; the path from the Fort to the main road has also been gravelled.

General Miscellaneous, Debak.—Penghulu Mun arrived down and received his certificate and daching, he was at first unwilling to become a Penghulu but agreed to after a short while. The Native Officer Abang Sedik reported P.C. Jemat for causing trouble by repeatedly interfering with his orders, and instructing people behind his back.

Betong.—There seem to be a certain trouble with regard to the pork farm, which people state has not been killing pig regularly; the Chinese in the bazaar are always wanting to kill pig and the pork farm will not let them. Vide the above cases the evidence against the pork farm was insufficient. On my arrival I heard a report that a fresh outbreak of smallpox had occurred at Tanjong Pandam. Dresser Edwards was instructed to proceed there at once and if the report was true to vaccinate as many people as possible at Pusa. The dresser had not returned up to the time of my departure.

Saribas.

December, 1925.

The Court Writers, Betong and Debak, report as follows:—

Court.—There were numerous cases heard by Mr. R. L. Daubeny who visited Pusa, Debak and Betong, otherwise very few cases came before the Native Courts on account of the outbreak of smallpox.

Fines amounted to \$977.06.

General.—During the month all Dyaks and Malays were called out to clear and repair the Tisak road as far as Bukit Sangku. Jungle was felled 10 fathoms on each side of the road making it sufficiently wide for the erection of a telephone line.

The sum of \$5,000 was remitted to the Simanggang Treasury and \$1,500 paid out on letters of credit.

Agriculture.—60 Permits to plant para rubber were issued during the month.

Medical.—The smallpox epidemic died out towards end of December. The dressers Joo Hin and Attenborough returned to Kuching on the m.l.

Bintang Trang on the 20th. Dresser Edward Chia visited Tanjong Pandam also Bladin and found a few cases of smallpox all of a mild form. Edward Chia has vaccinated in all 2,440 people, and Dresser Joon Hin 2,154 people. There are still a great number of Dyaks who require vaccination and this will be done as soon as there is sufficient lymph.

Trade.—The principal exports were:—

Gutta Jelutong	21 piculs	valued at ...	\$ 210
Para Rubber	1,160	do. ...	152,291
Para Scrap	178	do. ...	10,995
Raw sago	1,400	do. ...	3,445
Pepper (white)	3	do. ...	260
Pepper (black)	1	do. ...	50

	Imports.	Exports.
December, 1925 ...	\$93,923	\$173,286
December, 1924 ...	51,560	51,301

Kalaka.

December, 1925.

The Court Writers, Kabong and Saratok, report as follows:—

Court.—A great number of cases came before the Native Courts and fines in all Courts amounted to \$830.10.

General.—Mr. R. L. Daubeny, accompanied by Datu Abang Haji Dulrasid and Mr. D. E. Calver, Assistant Conservator of Forests, arrived at Kabong on the 7th. Saratok and Roban were visited and they returned to Simanggang via the Saribas on the 15th.

The sum of \$5,000 was remitted to the Simanggang Treasury.

Mohamat Ali, teacher in the Government school, left for Simanggang on the 20th in order to take up his appointment as Inspector of Schools, Second Division. A teacher to take his place will be appointed in due time.

The Saratok Roban and Debak roads were cleared and repaired during the month.

The Rev. W. Linton arrived at Saratok from Betong on the 30th in order to visit the S.P.G. Mission School.

Agriculture.—88 Permits to plant para rubber were issued and one to plant sago.

Cattle.—The Kabong herd number 35 head, one was killed for sale; the Saratok herd number eight.

Shipping.—Eight sailing vessels and three motor schooners entered and cleared during the month.

Trade.—The principal Exports were:—

Gutta jelutong	311 piculs	valued at ...	\$ 5,195
Pepper, white	38 piculs	do. ...	1,880
Pepper, black	19 piculs	do. ...	640
Para rubber	319½ piculs	do. ...	48,490
Para scrap	59 piculs	do. ...	5,040
Raw sago	940 piculs	do. ...	2,420
Sugar nipah	79 tins	do. ...	169

	Imports.	Exports.
December, 1925 ...	\$74,350	\$74,598
December, 1924 ...	26,172	25,051

The following are the trade returns for the Division, viz.:—

	Imports.	Exports.
December, 1925 ...	\$ 209,868.00	\$ 326,612.00
Total to 31.12.25 ...	1,687,090.70	2,553,982.00
Total to 31.12.24 ...	1,078,633.72	1,257,387.63

F. A. W. PAGE-TURNER,
Resident Second Division.

THIRD DIVISION.

Sibu.

December, 1925.

General.—His Highness the Rajah arrived in the Rajah of Sarawak on 17th, and was brought ashore in m.l. *Jean* by the Acting Resident and the Acting District Officer, Sibu. A Guard of Honour was furnished by the Police at the Fort landing stage where the other European and Native Chiefs were assembled. In accordance with His Highness' wishes there was no other official ceremony. Accompanying His Highness were Mr. H. D. Aplin, Divisional Officer, First Division, Mr. E. Parnell, Controller of Government Monopolies, and Captain C. D. Le Gros Clark. The next morning His Highness met some of the leading Chinese and discussed various matters including their petition with regard to shipping facilities in Sibu.

On the 19th His Highness gave an audience to the Malay Headmen who brought up various matters for His Highness' consideration, and later on the same morning met a number of Dyak Chiefs who had several matters to put before His Highness. Penghulu Dana of Assan, a very old Chief, was granted the title of *Orang Kaya*. On the 19th, His Highness visited the Telok Selalo-Assan Canal, and after inspection, ordered a definite abandonment of the scheme. The next day His Highness attended the offices again and settled many outstanding matters. His Highness finally left for Kuching on the 22nd. During his stay His Highness inspected many of the Government buildings in Sibu and visited the bazaars and kampongs.

Mr. W. F. Dick, Acting District Officer, Sibu, was away on duty at Rejang from the 2nd to 5th where, in the presence of Datu Haji Azahari and local Rejang Chiefs, he installed Hadji Bahaudin as Chief Native Officer of the Rejang District vice Penghulu Abang Adeng, deceased.

On the 6th I left for Kapit, accompanied by Mr. Le Sueur, Acting Assistant District Officer. We reached Kanowit the same afternoon where I called the Chinese shopkeepers up about the disgraceful state of the bazaar. In spite of frequent warnings the Chinese there are apparently unable to do anything to remedy this state of affairs and a final warning was given, which, if disregarded, will result in a Government Order to demolish those buildings which are unsafe or insanitary. We started the next day for Kapit calling in at Song. Here the Chinese agreed to build a new bazaar across river, which move was sanctioned by His Highness the Tuan Muda. It was pointed out, however, that proper shophouses must be built and plans would have to have my approval before building operations started. The Fort at Song was in a cleaner condition than is usually the case, and houses are being built in the Malay quarter. A boundary was fixed to demarcate the limits of this and the Government compound. The bazaar was in its usual dirty state which is, however, not totally unavoidable as persons have been allowed to plant rubber gardens right up the bazaar and there is no possible room for further extension or for storage room.

We reached Kapit that day, and on the next day, Mr. Le Sueur took over temporary charge of that District. Whilst in Kapit many questions cropped up—especially those concerning the Chinese Cemetery, Chinese School, extension of Malay bazaar and the reservation of Government land round about the station. Orders were given that no rubber was to be planted in certain areas near the station, and any that had been planted recently was to be pulled out. I returned to Sibu on the 9th.

Messrs. R. D. Horton, R. A. Miller-Hallett and T. Corsou arrived in the *Namhoi* on the 13th. Mr. Horton to take up his new duties of Officer-in-Charge Customs, Trade, Shipping, Monopolies and Municipal Departments, and Mr. Miller-Hallett to resume his duties as Land Officer.

Amongst others passing through Sibu during the month were Mr. P. M. Adams, District Officer Oya, who accompanied His Highness the Rajah to Kuching; Mr. P. Down on telegraphic business; Messrs. Lamplough and Tall of the Island Trading Company, Limited, Selalang, and Mr. H. Gild of Tanjong Blatok. Both Mr. Lamplough and Mr. Gild were in search of labour for their respective companies and succeeded in obtaining a number of Dyaks for work in Selalang and Tanjong Blatok respectively.

Mr. Le Sueur arrived from Kapit on Christmas Eve, and towards the end of the month the following Penghulus were in Sibu:—Rantai, Dana, Koh, Ugak, Matu, Langgong, Nglambong, Sureng, Ika, Nibong, Assan, Laja, Jantieng, Briak, Sirai, and Meringgai. On the 30th I held meeting of these Chiefs in the Court House. Others present were the Acting District Officer, Sibu, the Acting Assistant District Officer, Kapit, Datu Hadji Azahari, Native Officer, Abang Enjah, Native Officer, Abang Latip, Native Officer, and Hadji Gapor, Native Officer. A number of subjects concerning the Dyaks were discussed, and views were exchanged between upriver Chiefs. Christmas and Boxing Days were observed as holidays.

B. J. Nibong, Court Writer at Matu, arrived unexpectedly in Sibu during the month and reported that he had handed over his duties to Chin Nyan, a former Court Writer. Nibong was reprimanded for leaving his district without orders and ordered to return for duty there again at once. The following Native Officers reported their arrival in Sibu towards the end of the year: Hadji Yaman of Matu, Hadji Ibrahim of Daro, Hadji Bahaudin of Rejang, and Abang Hadji Metair of Bintang. A number of sub-station Court Writers were granted short leave to attend the regatta.

A petition was received from the majority of the members of the Subordinate Service in Sibu with regard to the office hours then in vogue. It was maintained that these caused inconvenience to clerks and an earlier closing hour was proposed. After asking for opinions of Heads of Departments the matter was referred to His Highness the Rajah in Sibu. His Highness instructed me to use my own discretion and, after consideration, I issued instructions that the Kuching hours should be followed throughout the whole Division, i.e., 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. with one hour off for food. A marriage of some importance took place on 24th when Seripa Aini, daughter of Tuanku Ali, was married to Wan Abdullah, son of Tuanku Sulong of Kuching.

Judicial.—Resident's Court.—The following cases came before the Resident's Court during the month: Monopolies Department vs. Wong Sui Lug and Kho Ei Tieb, Manager and Clerk respectively of one of the Government opium divans. The former was fined \$50 and dismissed, and the latter received three months' imprisonment; C. Bee Chiang vs. Chan Ah Tat, fraud case, referred back to the Lower Court; Chiang Hin vs. Kong Mau Chiong and Layam (*f.*), adultery, both charges dismissed. Police vs. Ah Kee, harbouring an escaped prisoner. Section 130. Dismissed.

District Court.—Ah Tho was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for theft; prison mandor Wahap three months for criminal neglect of duty, and Yeo Leong, Ah Ngo and Ah Hock one month each for committing an affray, and Teo Ah Eng (*f.*) two months for breach of Contagious Diseases Order.

Chan Tat was fined \$500 and Chan Wai \$250 under sections 423 and 109; Tan Seng Hock \$150 for contravention of the Arms Order; Chiew Fun \$25 for offering a gratification to a Government servant; Semada, a Government Dresser, \$25 for assault; Ah Chiew \$25 under section 456; and Tang Soon Chong and Ngoi Chin Pang received two days' imprisonment each for offences against Police Regulations.

A number of civil claims came before this Court but none of special importance.

Magistrate's and Police Court.—The Police brought the usual number of prosecutions and obtained convictions in most cases. The Magistrate's Court dealt with a number of petty debt cases.

Fines amounted to \$953.40 and fees to \$761.76 (Sibu only).

149 documents were registered in Sibu.

District Office.—From the report of the Acting District Officer, Mr. W. F. Dick, I extract the following details: Penghulu Sureng of B. Igan reports several cases of unregistered guns in his district. Efforts will be made to prosecute these persons. A Malay named Bet died under very tragic circumstances in Sibu owing to the omission on the part of his friends to call in medical assistance. The jury brought in a verdict of death by natural causes but added a rider that the other people in the house deserve severe censure. The Acting District Officer handed over charge of the Monopolies Department to Mr. Horton on the 14th. A Foochow named Ting Choon Sang was drowned on the 11th whilst being towed in his boat by s.l. *Ulu* of Sarawak Steamship Co., Ltd. An inquest was held.

The Sibu Municipal Board had several meetings during the month and discussed many important matters, including meat tables, latrines, slaughter-houses and street lighting. It is hoped, now that there is an Officer-in-Charge of the Department, that many things which have heretofore been put off can now be put through, although the lack of any other staff is a drawback.

P. W. D.—The erection of a new bungalow and the re-erecting of bungalow No. IV are progressing well and both should be finished by the end of next month. Contracts for two more bungalows have been signed in Kuching. A contract was made for cutting 9-inch holes in the walls of the existing bazaar drains to run off water from under the houses. On the 16th the boiler from the Selalo-Assan Canal was put into commission at the waterworks, and on the 21st the new Tangye duplex pump started work. The increase of water available is noticeable.

The usual routine work was carried on but labour is short and very expensive. The extension to Sibu jail was nearly completed at the end of the month and amongst minor works carried out were cement drains round bungalow No. 1, repairs to Tamil lines, bridges, approaches and compound of one of the new bungalows, moving part of hedge of the Residency, various outhouses to Government quarters and a new back entrance to the Rest House.

Police and Prisons.—The Officer-in-Charge of Police, Mr. Andreini, Assistant District Officer, in a report mentions that the conduct and discipline of the Police Force has been excellent during the month and shows great improvement. Special attention was paid to the non-commissioned officers, and classes were started to teach constables reading and writing. Two men were recruited. Mr. Andreini reports that the prison discipline was not good and two men were whipped for breach of prison regulations. Mandor Wahap was sentenced by the Court to a term of imprisonment for allowing prisoners to leave his gang and also leaving it himself. One prisoner died in hospital. The average number was

70'2 and they were mostly employed on ornamental grounds and general public works. One female prisoner was sent to Kuching jail.

Land Office.—The Divisional Land Officer reports as under: The exchange of the old Rubber Garden Registration Certificates for regular Occupation Tickets proceeded briskly during the month and the amount of quit rent collected was much in excess of the figure for the previous month.

Work in connection with this will probably increase very greatly in the New Year and it is hoped to carry out a small series of field collections during the next three months. If such prove popular, as I think they should, they will tend to ease the situation in the Land Office in March when it is liable to become absolutely unmanageable.

Mr. Miller-Hallett returned from furlough on 13th, and between that date and the end of the year he disposed of several matters which had been hung up owing to pressure of work.

During his visit to the station towards the end of the month His Highness the Rajah signed a number of grants for building plots in the bazaar, and it is hoped that others will be ready shortly.

Forest Office.—The Assistant Conservator of Forests, Mr. D. S. McLeod, has submitted a copy of his monthly diary. He reports that some Foochow are trespassing on the Bukit Lina Forest Reserve. Mr. F. J. Wright, S. C. Forest Ranger, was away at Tanjung Blatok from 11th to 17th.

Medical.—Dr. L. B. Haye, Acting for Divisional Medical Officer, reports as under:—

During the month the total number of patients treated at the Sibü Hospital was 523, being an average of seventeen daily.

333 new patients were treated of which 73 were admitted.

There were four deaths in the hospital due to the following causes:—

- 1 Uraemia.
- 1 Sapræmia.
- 1 Dysentery
- 1 Septic Broncho-Pneumonia.

Nine operations were performed, 5 under general anaesthetic.

There were 142 arsenical injections given this month.

May I state that the above is taken from Hospital files. As I was not present during this month, any personal observation on my part is impossible.

January, 1926.

General.—His Highness the Rajah arrived from Kuching in the s.s. *Rajah of Sarawak* on the 19th and proceeded to Kapit on the 21st returning here on the 23rd.

The Acting Assistant District Officer of Kapit was absent from the station visiting the Dyaks in the Baléh. There were but few Dyaks in the bazaar as no notice was given of His Highness' visit. One or two matters of minor importance were, however, settled, and permission was given for the building of a Fort at Nanga Gat, and for the formation of a Missionary Settlement of eighty doors of Dyaks at Nanga Pila.

Song and Kanowit were visited on the return journey on the 23rd, and it was decided that the proposal to move the Song bazaar need not be adopted as the shopkeepers undertook to put the existing bazaar in good order.

Between Song and Kanowit, and again just below the latter place there appeared to be suitable land for Foochow settlements, and it was arranged that reserves should be made for this purpose if required. Mr. Wong King Huo, member of the Central Advisory Committee, who had been invited by His

Highness to select land for future settlements, was requested to report on this matter to his Committee.

Amongst other matters decided by His Highness were the following:—

1. Sanction was given for the payment of monthly salaries to all Dyak Penghulus in lieu of shares of fines.
2. The exemption of all native-born subjects of His Highness from payment of land rents on gardens of three acres or less was approved.
3. The sale by auction of the s.l. *Mermaid* was decided on, and the purchase of three outboard motors for use in the Division sanctioned.
4. The proposed change of name of the sub-station Binatang was not confirmed by His Highness, who gave directions that the new name Binatang should be dropped and the former name resumed.

His Highness returned to Kuching in the s.s. *Rajah of Sarawak* on the 25th.

Returning from sick leave I arrived here on the 19th and resumed my duties as Resident, taking over from Mr. J. B. Archer, who had been acting me.

Mr. J. A. H. Hardie, Commissioner of Trade and Customs, and Mr. W. Cotterill arrived here on the 19th, the former to inquire into matters connected with his department and the latter to relieve Mr. H. Jacques, the Divisional Treasurer, to whom a month's special leave had been granted.

Mr. W. F. Dick, the Acting District Officer, left on the 25th to take up a new appointment, Mr. J. B. Archer resuming his duties as District Officer.

I was at Binatang from the 26th to the 28th examining the land claimed by Foochow and Dyaks. Finding it impossible to decide on any definite boundaries without a proper survey I telegraphed to Kuching for surveyors and for authority to be given to the Land Officer to settle land disputes in this area. This request was approved by His Highness the Rajah and Mr. Miller-Hallett. Mr. Pascoe and one surveyor left here for Binatang on the 30th. Two more surveyors are expected from Kuching and I hope that the demarcation of the Foochow holdings in this district will soon be completed. From a cursory examination of this area it appears to me unlikely that more land will be available for Foochow in the Binatang streams or between this stream and the Tulai, but it is possible that suitable reserves may be made on the true right bank of the Tulai or on the opposite side of the main river.

Pending the selection of reserves for Chinese settlers the number of Foochow immigrants has been restricted to one thousand for the year. Most of these have already arrived.

The District Officer, Sibü, reports as follows:—

Judicial.—*Resident's Court.*—Ek Chung Lee and Ek Chung Lu were sentenced to three months' imprisonment each, under section 193 of the Penal Code, for giving false evidence. Milong and Ajek were fined \$150 and \$75 respectively for incest, and F. J. Wright and his servant Pudikadu were fined \$50 each, the former for an offence against section 13 of the Malay Undang Undang, and the latter for procuring the girl in question. This case was referred from the Native Court.

District Court.—The following persons were sentenced to terms of imprisonment: Chiong Boon Tong nine months for theft; Lau Siang Choon six months for abetment of a theft under section 109; Sura, a Dyak girl, two months' for breach of Contagious Diseases Order No. IX, 1924; Wee Kim Hui and Tan Ah Phong one month each for assault, and Man bin Ipi, a Malay lad, one month for theft. This last sentence to be served in the s.l. *Chamois*. Lau Ah Ming was fined \$100 for an attempt to commit homicide under section 308; Ah Boon \$25 for breach of the Opium Monopolies Order; Makam,

Samuning and Sungang \$10 each for breach of Firearms Order, No. XVII, 1922; Charles Yap \$10 for attempting to seduce another man's wife; Chua Ah Hok \$10 for breach of Currency Order No. XV, 1908; Wong Ing Nguong \$10 for felling on a Government Timber Reserve; Kong Siew Chong and Ngo Seng Peng \$10 each under section 163, and Lee Lee \$10 under section 426.

In the case of Agong vs. Ah Bok over land a decision was arrived at and judgment given. Both parties have, however, asked leave to appeal. An appeal from the Sibn Native Court was heard before the District Officer but had not been settled by the end of the month.

There were a number of other cases but none worthy of special mention.

Magi, Trade's and Police Court.—The usual number of cases came before these Courts.

Fines and fees in all Courts amounted to \$2,386.90. Ninety-four deeds were registered.

District Office.—The Assistant District Officer, Mr. Andreini, started on a tour through the Foochow Colony on the 27th and was still away at the end of the month. He is visiting each of the eleven areas, which have been recently constituted and formally installing the respective headmen. Earlier in the month a meeting was called by the Acting Resident and three Foochow members of the Central Advisory Committee and eleven headmen appointed. At the same time their respective duties were explained to these gentlemen who expressed their satisfaction at His Highness the Rajah's decision to start the scheme.

On the 25th, the Divisional Resident, Mr. H. B. Crocker, resumed his duties, and Mr. J. B. Archer, District Officer, who had been Acting Resident, returned to the District Office taking over from the Acting District Officer, Mr. W. F. Dick, who left Sibn on the 25th on transfer to Baram.

A number of drowning cases have occurred lately, the victims being generally Foochows. One man was drowned at Sungei Assan by the land on which he was standing subsiding into the river. On the 13th a little Sikh boy aged three, the daughter of Police Corporal Besin Singh, was drowned by falling unnoticed from the barracks into the floods below.

Many Penghulus visited Sibn during the month. They had nothing special to report. Ugek was appointed Penghulu of the Binatang district vice Lani, dismissed. His Highness the Rajah also directed that Penghulu Saba and Assan of the Sari-kei should be dismissed. Penghulu Rantai's resignation was accepted.

The eclipse of the sun on the 14th caused some alarm and many Dyaks returned from their farms and shut themselves up in their houses.

P. W. D.—The Department has been kept extremely busy throughout the whole month. With the assistance of Mr. Pascoe of the Survey Department and Mr. Bishop of the Aerial Surveys Limited, sites were chosen for the temporary buildings for the latter's company and erection started. By the end of the month these had been practically completed. They are as follows:—

European quarters to house five persons; servants' quarters; mechanics' quarters; hangar to take two seaplanes and a slipway. The hangar presented many difficulties as spans of forty-five feet had to be allowed in order to allow the machines to enter and this, combined with the height of the building, made it necessary to construct rather an elaborate scheme of guying and strutting. The cost of all these buildings is not excessive.

Work was continued with the two new bungalows and one should be ready for occupation in a few weeks time. The removal and re-erection of bungalow No. 4 is making satisfactory progress. Other new

buildings erected were temporary barracks for police (eight rooms) and temporary barracks for prison warders (three rooms). Tenders were accepted and contracts signed for the new District Office (\$6,225) and Subordinate Service Rest House (\$1,110). The latter will be used as a laboratory and dark room by the Aerial Surveys Limited until their contract is completed, after which, with a slight alteration, it will be used for its original purpose. Tenders were received for the new Government Offices in the bazaar and for re-erection of bungalow No. 2. The prices asked, however, were exorbitant, the former ranging from \$9,500 to \$25,000 and the latter \$8,000 to \$10,000. In both cases the contractors stipulated for partial Government assistance in the way of materials.

The usual routine work of upkeep of roads and grounds was carried on and minor repairs were made to various Government buildings. The floods have caused much damage to bridges and culverts, whilst most of the roads are much cut up.

Police.—Many changes were made in the composition of the Sibn Police during the month. The Assistant District Officer has submitted a report showing that twenty-five recruits joined during the month composed of fourteen Sikhs and Sepoys, nine Dyaks, and two Melanans. Four men (three Indians and one Malay) retired on pension. Sergeant Gokal Singh was in Singapore on recruiting duty. Abang Adeng bin Datu Usop was appointed Sub-Inspector of Police and left for Kuching towards the end of the month for a course of training. He has been attached to the Police since December last and is already a valuable and keen Police Officer. Abang Abu Seman bin Datu Ali, who was a recently appointed junior Native Officer, has also been attached to the Police in addition to his other duties, and has taken Abang Adeng's place for the meanwhile.

His Highness the Rajah has sanctioned an increase in the strength of the Force which is now made up as follows:—One Sub-Inspector, one Sergeant-Major, two Sergeants, three Corporals, eight Lance-Corporals, sixty-eight Constables, and one Detective—a total of eighty-four men.

Sergeant Jin was promoted Sergeant-Major and P. C. Putit Lance-Corporal, and three Constables were transferred to the Prison Department. There is one vacancy for Sergeant to be filled up. There are at present a large number of recruits who are, however, making good progress.

The usual parades were carried out and additional beats made in the bazaar. An examination in reading and writing in Malay was held during the month and a number of men succeeded in qualifying for the extra allowance. Special attention has been paid to the Non-Commissioned Officers who show improvement. The Police furnished a guard of honour for His Highness the Rajah on his departure. The Acting Resident inspected the whole Force on the 19th when the main company and the recruits squads were put through various exercises.

Prison.—Three Police Constables were transferred from the Police to the Prison Department, Lias as Chief Warder, and Makam and Akim as Warders. Two new mandors were also appointed. The average number of prisoners was 62. Discipline was fairly good.

Kapit.

December, 1925.

The Acting Assistant District Officer reports as follows:—

Court.—There were no cases of importance before the Court during the month. Fines and fees amounted to \$480.29.

General.—Accompanied by the Acting Resident, I arrived at Kapit on the 7th December and took over charge of the district. The Acting Resident returned to Sibn on the 9th.

The s.l. *Chamois* arrived from Sibn on the 23rd with Mr. Corson, and left on the 24th with self to attend Sibn Regatta. I was still away at the end of the month.

During the month Penghulu Koh, Ugak, Grinang, Patan and Tamau Usun Haug visited this station.

Abang Sleb, Native Officer, Belaga, arrived on the 21st to report and hand in the Government cash. Owing to the river being in flood he was unable to return till the 29th. He reports all well in the Belaga district.

The Rev. Father Klerk of Kanowit stopped for one night on his way down river from Nanga Pila. He informs me that the padi there is in excellent condition and that Manggoi and his people are doing well.

Tuai Rumah Abak of the Pelagus reported that some Dyaks under Dana have moved to Blaut, ulu Anap, and are settling there. These Dyaks were sent for and warned.

A small party of Siangs who formerly lived with Manggoi at Nanga Pila have moved up to the ulu Sungei Pila. These people will be ordered to return to the main river.

The sum of \$5,000 was remitted to Sibn Treasury during the month.

Agriculture.—The Penghulu report that the padi is in excellent condition in all parts of the district, with the exception of Tengbu'u Koh in the ulu Balleh. I hear that a great deal of rubber is being planted in the Balleh and elsewhere. This matter I will go into as soon as I am able to visit the Balleh after the New Year.

Public Works.—The prison gang were employed on the roads and mowing. One prisoner named Puit has proved himself a rough carpenter. He has been employed on making beds for the jail, fence and dais for the Court room and various repairs. The jail has been whitewashed and tarred throughout and a proper sanitary system instituted. The whole of the interior of the Fort has been repainted and a new drawbridge constructed.

The prison gang averaged 16 prisoners during the month. This number is not adequate to keep this station in good order.

Timber is being collected for the construction of the clerk's new house, extension to barracks, and various repairs in the New Year.

Foong Ah Chen has undertaken to contract for the new buildings as soon as the timber is collected.

Land.—I have demarcated Government land reserves at both Kapit and Song. Notices have been issued that any further planting of rubber in these reserves is absolutely prohibited and only such crops as padi, tapicoa, etc., may be planted. The bazaar at Song is hopelessly congested and there is no room for expansion. A good site has been demarcated across river. Eleven applications already have been made to move to this new site. The area and description of these reserves I have forwarded to the Acting Resident.

Sarawak Rangers.—Parades and duties were carried out as usual during the month.

Cattle.—The Kapit herd numbered nineteen head and that at Belaga fifteen.

Shipping.—The usual number of vessels visited this station during the month; m.s. *Namhoi* made three trips, s.l. *Ulu* one trip, s.l. *Chamois* and *Soon Aik* two trips each.

Trade.—Exports for the month were as follows:—

Damar Daging	Piculs	184.91	Value	\$6,500.00
India Rubber	"	1.90	"	160.00
Plantation Rubber	"	51.31	"	9,234.00
Rattan Segs No. 1	"	201.80	"	1,403.00
Rattan Tot No. 2	"	412.05	"	1,815.00

January, 1926.

General.—I returned from Sibn on 5th accompanied by Mr. Tail of Selalang, who returned per s.l. *Chamois* on 7th. The Court Writer reported all well during my absence. During the early part of the month, owing to heavy rain, the river rose and flooded the road to the bazaar. His Highness the Rajah, accompanied by the Resident and J. A. H. Hardie, visited the station on the 21st, returning per s.l. *Chamois* on the 23rd instant. I much regret that I was away in the ulu Balleh at the time. The Malays and Chinese have commenced the annual whitewashing of the bazaars. Abang Ahmat, Native Officer, Song, arrived on 29th and reported all well. He returned that same day. On my return from the Balleh a meeting was held of all Penghulus and many of the senior *Tuai Rumah*; various matters were discussed. They were warned about reporting births and deaths. This has been much neglected last year though I quite appreciate their difficulty as, with one exception, they are none of them able to write and many live a very long way from the fort.

Court.—There were few cases and none worthy of special note. Fines and fees amounted to \$194.74.

Sarawak Rangers.—The usual drill and fatigues were carried out.

Prison.—The prison gang was employed on whitewashing the fort and Government buildings as well as on roads and ornamental grounds. The prison carpenter was employed on minor repairs to boats and buildings. The prison gang averaged 19 during the month.

Travelling.—I was away in the ulu Balleh from 11th to 25th. I have forwarded under separate cover the report of my trip.

Cattle.—The herd numbered 20 head at the end of the month.

Trade and Shipping.—The s.s. *Sarawak* and s.l. *Chamois* made two trips each during the month and s.l. *Ulu* and *Soon Aik* one trip each.

Exports for the month are as follows:—

Plantation Rubber	Piculs	118.53	Value	\$16,687
India Rubber	"	5.65	"	320
Gutta Percha	"	1.92	"	300
Rattan Segs No. 1	"	124.14	"	650
Rattan Tot No. 2	"	529.08	"	2,520
Damar Daging	"	319.05	"	8,620

The Acting Assistant District Officer reports as follows concerning his trip up the Balleh:—

Rivers Balleh, Mujong, Gat and Merirai.—Accompanied by Penghulu Temongong Koh I left Kapit on the 11th January and, in accordance with instructions received from Sibn, returned by the 26th.

On the 12th I met Penghulu Grinang who accompanied me for the remainder of my trip. I arrived at Penghulu Grinang's house Sungei Gat on the 15th having spent the previous three nights at Patan's, Nyareng's and Samba's houses. Penghulu Patan was away with the Native Officer at Nanga Pila. There are no houses up the side streams in the Gat, all being on the main river. Penghulu Grinang's house is the furthest of the Dyak houses in this river and stands near the junction of the Sungei Puroh and Gat. He has applied to move his house to a new and better site a short way up river. This new site I have inspected and it is a very good one, it is only a few hundred yards from this present house. I was informed that the Gat Dyaks who went over to Dutch Territory when the Gat trouble was on, now wish to return. Penghulu Grinang states that he is willing to go security for their good behaviour and would attach them to his own house. The house in question is Rumah Bayak of

seventeen doors at Kanyau, Kepuas. During my stay in the Gat I went up Sungei Puroh, Sungei Stapan and also some distance up the Gat, past the boundary at Nanga Entibiru, beyond which no Dyak houses may be built. Padi is in excellent condition all over this district. This river affords very good fishing and Dyaks morning and evening bring in large supplies of fish. I left the Gat on the 17th and arrived at Penghulu Koh's house in the ulu Balleh. During my stay here I proceeded up river as far as the boundary at the Nanga Putai. Padi here is a complete failure this year though padi only a short way down river is in excellent condition as it is all over the Kapit district. I visited Sungei Merirai on the 20th. At present many Dyaks are scattered up this river in small temporary houses. As soon as the harvest is over Tuah Rumah Rabar will collect all these people together and build one large house. One, Baring, has built a very substantial farm hut above Nanga Entuloh, the boundary; he informs me that he intends building a large house there. This will not be allowed as there are plenty of good sites further down river. The Sungei Entuloh is the highway for Dyaks travelling to the ulu Rejang. Formerly it was arranged that the late Penghulu Melintang should build a house at Nanga Entuloh to guard this highway and to detain undesirables, but unfortunately he died and the house was never built. Padi in this district will be harvested shortly. I left for the Mujong on the 21st but owing to the river being in flood, it was with some difficulty and not until the evening of the 23rd that we reached Jantieng's house. The next day I went up river to Penghulu Ugak's house. This house is still in the course of construction and is some way beyond the boundary which is at Nanga Blabangan. Formerly the boundary was at Jantieng's house where the late Penghulu Ledan lived, but after his death, was moved to Nanga Blabangan. There are sites for several houses at and just below this boundary. Tuah Rumah Milang reported that one Rantai of his house had been wounded by his father-in-law when hunting, he had received a spear thrust clean through his thigh. I had this man sent to the Fort immediately, and he is now progressing favourably. I much regretted the shortness of time as I would have liked to make a much more thorough inspection of the Mujong district. There are several houses up the various side streams of the Mujong but I am informed by the Penghulu that all houses in these streams are but a short way from the Mujong. I proceeded down river on 25th; Dyak houses on the down river reaches of the Balleh are very small, some being of only two or three doors. As is always the case just before the harvest, all houses were very empty, all the younger men having gone off on hunting and jungle produce collecting expeditions.

Rejang.

December, 1925.

The Court Writer reports as under:—

Court.—No cases of any importance were brought before the Court during the month. Fines imposed in the Native Court amounted to \$69.48.

General.—On the 1st Captain Andreini left for Sibn via Selalang after his visit to Lower Rejang district.

On the 2nd Mr. W. F. Dick, Acting District Officer, Sibn, accompanied by Datu Hadji Azahari and Hadji Bahaudin, arrived from Sibn in s.l. *Chamois* and returned to Sibn again on the 5th after installing Hadji Bahaudin as Native Officer of Rejang. Hadji

Bahaudin proceeded to Paloh on the 20th in order to settle Hadji Usop's (deceased) affairs and returned on the 24th.

Christmas Day and the next day were observed as public holidays.

Staff.—Sayu bin Talep was enlisted in the Police Force and P. C. Karia bin Kadir was discharged at the end of the month. P. C. Johari bin Draman left the force at the beginning of the month at his own request.

Health.—The health of the district was fairly good during the month.

Prisoners.—The prison gang, averaging two, has been engaged on upkeep of the ornamental grounds.

Rainfall.—The total rainfall was 17.31 inches.

Shipping.—Five steamers, two steam launches and three motor ships entered while four steamers, one steam launch and seven motor ships cleared the port.

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

	1925.	1924.
December Foreign Export	\$ 35,661	\$ 65,145
to date ...	451,793	662,373
December Foreign Import	7,780	7,984
to date ...	93,405	66,747
December Local Export	11,178	918
to date ...	29,756	37,377
December Local Import	19,507	6,673
to date ...	274,995	155,781

Matu.

December, 1925.

The Court Writer reports as under:—

Court.—A number of civil claims came before the Court for settlement during the month. Two cases were settled in the Native Court, Saripin vs. Kausiah for divorce, defendant being fined \$22.14 and costs, and Rodah vs. Kadir for *mungkir berbini*, defendant was fined \$22.14 and costs and to pay *briar* \$50. As the plaintiff is in a state of pregnancy, defendant was ordered to pay *blanja* according to the *undang undang*.

Fines collected during the month amounted to \$110.70.

Ten summonses were issued by jelutong workers against each other for interfering with each other's paths.

Rainfall.—Total rainfall was 23.98 inches, and there were constant floods during the month.

General.—A fire broke out on the night of the 1st in Yasin's *lantin*, where he had a small shop. The fire originated in a cooking place which had as usual been left unattended. Damage amounted to about \$300.

The Court Writer of Daro arrived on the 4th with the sum of \$911.05.

On the 12th s.l. *Mermaid* arrived from Sibn to fetch the lighter which she left here on the 22nd of last month.

Agriculture.—The farms in the upper reaches of the river have been destroyed by floods and mice.

Staff.—Sergeant Basah returned to Matu in place of Lance-Corporal Mahrup, who returned to Sibn on the 13th by s.l. *Mermaid*.

Shipping.—Four schooners, two motor schooners and one steam launch entered and cleared the port during the month.

Trade:—

	1925.	1924.
Matu Imports December	\$ 9,560	\$ 8,007
Total to date ...	221,725	213,346
Matu Exports December	20,361	16,733
Total to date ...	282,793	326,810

Average cash market price of:—

Raw Sago ...	\$ 1.15 per passu
Pearl Sago ...	1.00 ,, tin
Jelutong ...	10.00 ,, picul
Plantation Rubber ...	100.00 ,, "
do scrap	30.00 ,, "

January, 1926.

The Court Writer, reports as under:—

Court.—There were no cases in the Court during the month. Fines collected during the month amounted to \$22.14.

Opium.—The proceeds of opium sold at Matu amounted to \$1,300. 4,000 packets were supplied from Kuching, and the balance in hand at the end of the month was 10,343 packets.

Rainfall.—Total rainfall during the month was 23.19 inches; the whole place was flooded during the early part of the month but dried up after the period of about a fortnight.

General.—The Divisional Treasurer arrived at 9.30 p.m. on the 10th by m.l. Jean and explained the new cash, deposit books, etc. He returned at 8 a.m. the next day. Five thousand dollars in cash was remitted to Sibü Treasury during the month.

On the 14th the eclipse of the sun, visible at this station, began at 3 p.m. and continued for about three-quarters of an hour.

Agriculture.—The neighbouring farms were for the most part abandoned as the crops were spoiled by the floods.

Dairy Farm.—One heifer was slaughtered and sold.

Shipping.—Four schooners, one motor schooner and one motor launch entered and cleared the port during the month.

Trade.—

	1926.	1925.
Matu Imports January	\$ 16,935	\$ 17,960
Matu Exports January	16,681	16,332

Average cash market prices were as follows:—

Raw Sago ...	\$ 1.25 per passu
Pearl Sago ...	1.00 per tin
Gutta Jelutong ...	10.00 per picul
Plantation Rubber ...	125.00 do.
do. Scrap ...	35.00 do.

Daro.

December, 1925.

The Court Writer reports as under:—

Court.—In the Native Court Idoh and Harus were fined \$22.14 each for divorce. Fines and fees amounted to \$80.53.

General.—Having obtained leave from the Acting Resident, I left for Sibü on 27th and was still away at the end of the month.

Public Works.—The grass in the Government compound was cleared by kamping labour. Considerable damage was done to the roads and bridges by the floods. The bazaar Chinese were called up and warned to get their houses repaired and put on belian attaps as ordered by the Acting Resident on his visit to this station in September, as the time given to this is now up.

Health.—The health of the district was fairly good.

Trade and Shipping.—No schooners entered or cleared during the month.

Imports \$2,957 Exports \$6,420

January, 1926.

The Court Writer reports as under:—
Court.—There were no cases heard excepting a few admitted debt cases. Fees amounted to \$37.50.

General.—The Divisional Treasurer arrived on the 9th by m.l. Jean to explain the new system of keeping accounts. On the 9th Mr. H. Gild of Tanjong Blatok asked for two policemen to do duty there for a few nights as there had been trouble with his coolies. I only allowed him one as there are only three men in the station. Matnor was called up to clear up the coconut garden situated behind the Court House, but he said that the garden belonged to a Chinaman who died five years ago. I told Matnor that if the garden is not cleared it will be auctioned when an European Officer visits the station.

Mr. C. F. Dehan of Tanjong Blatok visited the station once.

Public Works.—Though Hadji Matlajim, Tua of Nangars, was asked to get his people to clear the Government compound nothing has been done yet.

Agriculture.—The natives report that the padi is good and well grown.

Health.—This on the whole has been good.

Trade and Shipping.—No schooners have entered the port since October last.

Imports \$4,021 Exports \$9,646

H. B. CROCKER,
Resident Third Division.**COAST DIVISION.**

Mukah and Balingian.

December, 1925.

General.—On instructions based on a confession made by a Dyak murderer named Nipa, just before his execution at Baram, two Rejang Dyaks of Kaba, named Chandang and Unggat, were arrested and duly reached here on the 12th instant to stand their trial for being concerned in the murder of three Chinese at Balingian in 1923.

Native Officer Abang Haji Mohidin left for Balingian by the overland route on the 21st to collect data and witnesses, who had been present at the previous hearing of the Balingian murder case of 1922; and also to deal with all possible outstanding cases at that Court; he was still away at the end of the month.

Dresser Ah Heng also visited Balingian during the month to investigate some fresh cases of smallpox recently reported by the Court Writer.

Datu Awang Udin visited the Dyak settlement at Sebakong in connection with the harbouring of an escaped Dyak prisoner, one Belun alias Umbai, from Simanggang gaol; unfortunately the fugitive had left the District a few months previously and was said to be making for Belait via Baram; a number of the local chiefs and their followers have since been fined for failing to report the presence of this fugitive.

Dyak Penghulu Inting of Sikat came down from the interior twice during the month, and assisted Datu Awang Udin in investigating a report from Penipah that several dead bodies minus their heads were lying in the jungle there; these, on inquiry, proved to be the remains of certain Dyaks who had hidden away in the jungle during the last smallpox epidemic, and it transpired that the relatives being

too scared of contagion to bury the bodies, had decided to hide away the heads for fear these should be taken by other wandering aborigines; all the heads have since been produced and the relatives punished for failing to notify Government of their extraordinary action in the matter.

The District Officer, Oya and Dalat, came over on horseback on the 17th to take over the books and instructions and go through the revised system of accounting which comes into operation on the 1st January next. Mr. Adams later left via Sibü to spend Christmas and New Year in Kuching.

Several acres of land in the vicinity of the Fort which contains a plantation belonging to Tan Kim Kee (L) sister of Tan Ek Goon of Chop Soon Kiat Seng, and an adjoining smaller plantation belonging to Yee Hong Tee was acquired by the Government, after prolonged negotiations, for extension of the Government grounds and as a new site for the rebuilding of the galls and wireless telegraph station, which is to be removed from its present site early in the New Year.

The 25th, Christmas Day, and the following day, were observed as a public holidays, when the local branch of the Roman Catholic Mission gave a very successful interpretation by Native Christian converts of the well-known pantomime "Cinderella."

Throughout the month the weather remained wet and stormy and the greater part of the district was under water.

Courts.—An outstanding appeal from a decision of the District Court, Oya, in the case of Taloi, Dyak, versus Luka, Dyak, in which Luka was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment was finally disposed of, the original decision being upheld.

Mediang, a Dyak Chief of Sebakong, and his followers were fined for harbouring a runaway Dyak prisoner from Simanggang gaoi named Belun, alias Umbai, and a reward was offered for his apprehension.

Awang Taba bin Awang Matsalleh was convicted of cheating, over a consignment of cloth which he had undertaken to sell on commission, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Dyak prisoners Chandang and Unggat accused of being concerned in the murder of three Chinese at Balingian in 1922 were formally remanded pending the arrival of witnesses from Balingian.

A Foochow Chinese named Lim Siew Ho alias Lim Pek Pek who had absconded from Balingian was arrested in Sibü, and has since been sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Tilat bin Sakah and Tair bin Baliug were fined for working timber without a permit.

Tair and Talim were fined for failing to register a transfer of sago gardens.

Atan bin Delima was fined for selling timber worked for his own use and shipping timber not entered in his port clearance.

A case of attempting to procure an abortion was tried but was dismissed for lack of evidence.

At Balingian Native Officer Abang Haji Mohidin dealt with a large number of cases and imposed fines for breaches of Forest Regulations, Licensing Regulations, and local Land Regulations; he also passed judgment in a large number of debt cases, and attended to all outstanding Native Court affairs.

Health.—Fresh cases of smallpox, chiefly amongst the Dyaks, were reported from Balingian on the 8th, and Dresser Ah Heng proceeded to Balingian by the overland route on the 21st to investigate and vaccinate all possible people; he was still away at the end of the month.

Agriculture.—In view of a strong desire amongst the local population to plant rubber it was deemed advisable to notify them by local order that all para rubber planted should automatically come under the

Land Regulations of 1920, and that they would be liable to pay annual quit rent on any lands utilized for this purpose.

Much time was taken up by the small clerical staff available with searching the very dilapidated old land books and making out deeds of sale, transfer, and mortgage of sago gardens.

To deal satisfactory with the land question here a survey staff is very necessary as at present the local public and the Courts have to rely on very primitive maps, plotted by the police, which on inspection are usually found to overlap each other and cause endless boundary disputes.

Public Works.—About the middle of the month the Kuching Public Works representatives reported that the new waterworks system was in running order. On instructions from Commissioner Public Works the plant was accordingly placed in charge of one Assan, a first-class driver, together with one fireman and two pipe linemen as assistants, thereby enabling all the remaining Kuching employees to return to headquarters before the end of the year.

The majority of the Tamil gang, nine persons, signed fresh agreements during the month; the gang was employed on the general upkeep of the various paths around the District. A number of carpenters under the supervision of the Tua Tua Kampong were engaged on the reconstruction of the Telian path bridges, many of which have already collapsed; the main bridge at the mouth of the Telian had also to be placed under repair at the end of the month.

The Government carpenters completed certain internal alterations to the Government Offices.

Telegraph and Telephones.—Mr. P. Down, Accountant, having completed the posting of the Wireless and Telephone accounts, left for Kuching via Sibü on the 2nd, accompanied by clerk Bujeng and mechanic Mabali.

Prison.—The prisoners, averaging 12-23, were employed on the general upkeep of the station grounds, and carrying sand and gravel for the cement workers concreting the floors of the European Bungalow bathrooms.

Trade and Shipping.—The trade returns for the month are as follows:—

	Coasting Imports.	Coasting Exports.
Mukah ...	\$26,456	nil.
Balingian ...	22,863	\$16,394.

The main Exports from Balingian for the month of December are:—

Jelutong ...	815 piculs.
Para Rubber ...	20.40 "

The rainfall recorded shows 20.49 inches.

Oya and Dalat.

December, 1925.

The District Officer, Mr. P. M. Adams, reports as follows:—

Court.—There was very little Court work and the only cases of note being those of Adih, a Melanu youth, who was sentenced to 18 months for theft from a trading boat, and Awang Ya fined \$50 for selling land for which he had no rights.

Surveys.—The Surveys Staff completed the survey of all rubber gardens between Kampong Teh and Medong, including those in Sungei Kut, and went to Igan towards the end of the month.

General.—Mr. P. Down passed through from Okla en route for Sibü. A tuba fishing was held at Dalat on 7th but few fish were caught.

Two Dyaks arrived from Sibü under escort and were sent to Mukah in connection with a murder perpetrated at Balingian.

Travelling.—I rode over to Mukah on 18th to discuss the new system of accounts with the Acting Divisional Officer and returned to Oya on 20th. I went to Kuching via Sibü at the invitation of His Highness the Rajah and was still away at the end of the month.

P.W.D.—The verandah of the Dalat bungalow was enlarged and the position of the staircase moved. Certain alterations were made to the small house for clerks.

Marine.—The m.l. *Leonora* was in continual use during the month.

Health.—No epidemics were reported.

Cultivation.—Several late applications to plant rubber were refused, and another warning has been issued to remove all rubber which has been planted without official sanction. It should be easy to enforce this when the survey maps are available and occupation tickets issued.

Jungle Produce.—Owing to the rise in price jelutong is again being worked.

The Trade Returns were:—

Imports \$22,625.80 Exports \$39,460.00

The following schooner entered and cleared:—

Entered M.S. *Majinis*; Cleared M.S. *Majinis*.

Bintulu.

December, 1925.

Mr. H. H. Kortright, District Officer of Bintulu, reports as follows:—

Courts.—There has been very little Court work during the month. The Kampongs are still practically empty the inhabitants preferring to live on their padi farms and in jelutong working huts in the jungle.

Guan Chuan of Pandan was fined \$25 for interfering with the Dresser who was vaccinating passengers in defendant's launch prior to its departure for Pandan. One, Kaili, was also fined \$10 in connection with this case.

There were no other cases worthy of mention.

Medical.—The smallpox epidemic has abated considerably in this neighbourhood. A patient died in the isolation camp on the 28th leaving the camp empty for the first time since August. Deaths are, however, still being reported from houses on padi farms and huts in the jungle swamps. I fear the disease is spreading upriver; the Dresser from Pandan reports a good many cases, also a Dyak house near Sebauh infected. All these upriver people refused vaccination; even now that vaccination is compulsory they are still refusing and run away and hide for days to evade it. It will be necessary to deal very severely with some of these people in order to stamp out this epidemic. It has been found impossible to isolate Punans, they won't even isolate themselves but go from place to place carrying the disease.

Lately several small children have died of pneumonia and many people seem to have bad coughs and colds.

General.—The weather has been wretched all the month and there were only three days on which rain did not fall. On the 9th in the nine hours the fall was 7.46 inches. The total for the month was 28.85 inches.

Mr. G. T. Bates of the Borneo Company, and Mr. B. J. C. Spurway, Assistant Conservator of Forests, arrived here by m.s. *Eng Hap Leong* on the 6th.

Mr. Bates and Mr. E. Banks, Curator Sarawak Museum, returned to Kuching by same vessel on the 16th, and Mr. Spurway also left that day for Kidurong to catch the s.s. *Alice Lorraine* en route for Limbang.

Trade.—The price of jelutong has been very high all the month, as much as \$21 per picul has been paid here.

For reasons best known to the Captain, the s.s. *Auby* failed to enter this port on the 12th, and after waiting around outside for some time landed the pilot at Kidurong and sailed for Kuching. This was a great blow to the Bintulu Chinese who had very large stocks of jelutong to ship, and had the vessel entered they would, I am told, have caught the top market price in Kuching, something like \$30 per picul.

On the 15th the m.s. *Eng Hap Leong* sailed with 1,134½ piculs of jelutong from Sebauh and Pandan alone. The s.s. *Gladys* called here with cargo on the 16th and sailed for Miri on the 17th; rough seas, however, prevented her unloading all her Miri cargo and she came in here again on the 23rd.

The Manager of the Steamship Company allowed her to discharge the Miri cargo here and by doing this she was able to load practically all the Bintulu jelutong and sailed on the 25th with 1,669 piculs on board. This act was greatly appreciated by the local traders, all of whom got \$21 per picul for their jelutong in Kuching. There were still over a thousand piculs at Sebauh and Pandan and the Steamship Company chartered the m.s. *Eng Hap Leong* which arrived on the 31st to fetch this cargo.

The Trade Returns for the month are as follows:—

	1925.	1924.
Imports ...	\$74,127.79	\$25,011.50
Exports ...	73,222.96	30,449.11

The following vessels entered and cleared the port during the month:—

Entered 6 steamers	2 schooners
Cleared 5 „	nil

Tatau.

December, 1925.

Mr. R. V. Palfreman, Acting Assistant District Officer, reports as follows:—

On the 7th instant I left by boat in company with Abang Bojeng, Native Officer, and Pengulu Tamboh, for the ulu Kakus in order to settle outstanding birds'-nest cave disputes and also look into the matter of the possibility of Dyaks being allowed to work produce in the Kakus River and surrounding district; a full report and also an explanatory map in regard to this matter are being forwarded under separate cover.

On the 9th instant, in company with Abang Bojeng, the Maieng caves were visited and three caves examined, one night being spent in the caves for this purpose. On my arrival at Penjarai I was held up for three days by high water and was unable to proceed further upriver, a letter, however, arrived from the District Officer, Bintulu, ordering me to arrest a Dyak by name Kalom in the ulu Anap, this man is a considerable source of trouble and disaffection in the ulu Anap and the only way to deal with him appears to be to send him back to the Bataung Rejang from which place he originally came; after receiving this letter I was forced to change my plans for fear that Kalom should get wind that he was going to be arrested and hide in the jungle, should I wait until my return from the ulu Kakus before arresting him.

In company with Abang Bojeng, Native Officer, and Pengulu Tamboh, I proceeded overland to the mouth of the Tau and thence by boat a short distance to Rumah Banieng, from which house I proceeded to Kalom's house to arrest him; the Dyaks informed

me that Kalom would resist arrest and I therefore deemed it necessary to take Dyaks from Banieng's house to assist me should there be trouble of any sort. Fortunately Kalom, seeing that the odds were against him, did not attempt to resist, but after much arguing agreed to proceed to Bintulu without further trouble. He was sent down river in charge of Penghulu Tamboh.

Kalom is very powerfully built for a Dyak, and it is interesting to note that he has instilled such fear into the Dyaks that out of my boat's crew of thirty paddlers I could only obtain six who would accompany me overland to Banieng's house, and out of these only one, exclusive of Penghulu Tamboh, would follow me to Kalom's house; also it was only after threatening Banieng with a heavy fine should he not assist me, that he agreed to do so; whether his reluctance was through fear or sympathy I was not able to ascertain, but it was probably a mixture of both. Many ridiculous rumours were about among the Dyaks with regard to the things that Kalom intended doing should Government attempt to arrest him. Kalom, however, appears to have some reason to be feeling sore, in that the Native Officer some time previously, fearing that Kalom would not answer any *panggis* or *tongkats*, sent for him, stating that he was to be made a Penghulu, also he called down all the Tuai Rumahs of Anap to witness Kalom's installation as Penghulu, but on arrival at Tatau bazaar the Native Officer sent back up river all the Tuai Rumahs, and Kalom was sent to Bintulu and eventually to Mukah, where he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment; it was not the fact that he was imprisoned that appears to have annoyed him, but the way in which he was induced to appear at Tatau Court House supposedly only to become a Penghulu but in reality to be made a prisoner; he considers that he has received great "shame" before all the Tuai Rumahs of Anap. Tuai Rumah Banieng complained to me that Penghulu Bunyah never comes near the upriver houses to hear cases, and that when the Dyaks settle them among themselves, he fines them for doing so, the upriver Dyaks do not consider this fair and request that either Bunyah be dismissed or another Penghulu be made to hold authority over them. Banieng was informed that this matter would be thoroughly looked into when next I visit the Anap.

This is not the first complaint that has been received in regard to this Penghulu. After arresting Kalom I visited the Bukitans in the ulu Anap. These people appear to have no property whatsoever beyond their "mats" and "cooking utensils" and though they state that they will pay tax if Government persists in ordering them to do so, it will only be by selling their mats, and they ask that Government have pity on them and wait until they have learned to farm properly, which they are now learning to do, since the ulu Anap Dyaks are farming not far from them and are assisting them with their farms to a certain extent. These Dyaks and the Bukitans appear to get on very well together, since the Bukitans give the Dyaks "rotan mats, etc.," and receive in exchange "boats," "farming implements," "parangs," etc. It appears that the Bukitans cannot make boats except of "tree bark" and this of course is only able to float down river and utterly useless to use proceeding up river against rapids.

On my return from the Anap, again overland, to Penjarai, a matter of a day and half, I learned by letter from the Court Writer that a Dyak by name Igu, "Apai Begok" of Penghulu Tamboh's house in the Sap, had been taken by a crocodile, but his body was recovered some time later; this man was bathing at the time he was taken, and although other Dyaks attempted to rescue him, their efforts proved unavailing; the Dyaks are still attempting to catch

the crocodile but so far have not succeeded in doing so. I returned from ulu Kaku on the 31st instant.

During my stay at Penjarai, as instructed by the District Officer, Bintulu, I issued a complete set of birds'-nest cave certificates, and also settled any litigation with regard to them that cropped up, this is the first time that a complete set of the Maiong and Kuyat birds'-nest cave certificates have been issued, and should put a stop to much of the wrangling as to who are the real owners of caves.

Four days after leaving Penjarai I arrived at Kuyat and also visited two caves in the Memenat River; all the caves are on the true right hand bank of the Kakus River, and the above-mentioned map, I trust, will give a good idea of the range of hills which is honeycombed by these caves.

Keseng, the head of the Punas by right of ancestry, although not the Penghulu, states that he intends to make his new house at Penjarai, since down river from Penjarai it is impossible to grow padi with any success owing to the land at the times the river is in flood being anything from four to six feet under water, and not only for one or two days at a time, but for as much as ten to fifteen days at a time, whereas up river from Penjarai, the land is under water for one or two days at a time only. I do not think Keseng was lying since at the time I went up river from the mouth of the Kakus to Penjarai the whole of the land was submerged to a depth of over four feet. Penghulu Tama Gran, the Punan Penghulu, also states that he wishes to move to Penjarai since he is of the same opinion as Keseng and the rest of the Punans in regard to farming. The Punan padi at Penjarai this year appears to be extremely promising and a rich harvest should be reaped if all goes well.

Various Tuai, by name Jamil, Jampong, Jarap, Kedit, Jelandang, and Sabar, have appeared before me and put forward the following complaints in regard to Penghulu Tamboh:—

1. That Penghulu Tamboh does not settle cases according to the Dyak customs.
2. That when settling cases he takes care that he receives considerable profit from the fines he imposes.
3. That after fining a person he gives him only seven days in which to pay up in, and should he not do so, another fine is imposed.

Referring to paragraphs 1 and 2, I have told the Tuai to bring any cases they are unsatisfied with before me and they will be duly looked into.

Referring to paragraph 3, I have told Penghulu Tamboh to allow the Dyaks fifteen days to pay in, and should they not do so after this time has expired, that Penghulu Tamboh must report the matter and it will be dealt with either by myself or the Native Officer, and the reasons for the nonpayment be duly looked into.

Court.—No cases of real importance occurred during the month, but a woman by name Mumin (*f.*) was fined \$15 for attempting a swindle in re birds'-nest caves, and later she was also fined \$10 for libellous insinuations against Penghulu Tama Gran which she was unable to prove when called upon to do so. One, Haji Ismail, was fined \$25 for re-opening a case already settled by the District Officer, Bintulu. Defendant could produce no extra evidence as a reason for his opening the case, and it was a very evident "try on" on his part.

P.W.D.—The Chinese made a bridge over a small river on the upriver side of the bazaar and also cleared the road above the bazaar.

The Native Officer's quarters are finished excepting the wall planking of the dapor, for which a hundred extra planks are needed.

Health.—The health of the district appears to be good, and a smallpox scare, which was started by the

Dyaks, I was happily able to refute after examining the child who was supposed to have the smallpox; it prove to be nothing more than a disease known by the Dyaks as "rambor." Two Malays who had previously suffered from smallpox affirmed that the disease was the above-mentioned "rambor."

Shipping.—The Sarawak Oilfields s.s. *Burong* entered the port on the 10th instant and departed with a cargo of belian for Miri, after staying two nights at the station. The schooner *Intan Terpeleh Zainudin* is still at the mouth of the Tatau, being unable to get out owing to the very bad state of the weather.

Trade.

Imports \$7,562.00 Exports 9,944.67

Items of Interest.—A small river called the Buloh in the ulu Kakus has two hot water streams running into it. The heat of these streams is sufficient to cook the "dabai" fruit, also the water leaves a curious coating of brittle whitish rock on pieces of wood and leaves, etc., that fall into it. The Buloh River is about three hours paddling from Kuyat River, and the small hot water streams originate from a swamp at the foot of the Kuyat range.

The caves at Kuyat are formed of exceedingly sharp rocks which are extremely painful to walk over, the rocks being in a formation somewhat like the furrows in a ploughed field. There is, however, little or no mud in these caves, in striking contrast to the Maeng caves, and the natives inform me that not only crocodiles live in these caves but also pythons, cobras and other snakes; none of this reptiles have, however, been known to attack a human being. During my visit to the Maeng caves I encountered one crocodile in Lobang Pakau.

W. F. DE V. SKRINE,
Acting Divisional Officer.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Miri.

January, 1926.

Court.—Three Cantonese coolies working at Lutong were sentenced to three years' imprisonment each under section 457 I.P.C. No other cases call for special mention.

General.—Friday 1st being New Year's Day was observed as a holiday and the flagstaff dressed.

Mr. P. H. Hayward returned from Singapore on the 6th and resumed his duties in the Treasury. Mr. W. Cotterill, who had been acting for him, proceeded to Kuching by s.s. *Gladys* on the 14th.

Mr. O. Lang, Superintendent of Police, arrived by the s.s. *Gladys* on the 10th on a visit of inspection, returning to Kuching by s.s. *Auby* on the 24th.

A fire broke out on the Company's boat *Didonta* at 7 p.m. on the 1st but was overcome, fortunately without much damage being done.

The eclipse of the sun was clearly visible here on the afternoon of the 14th, and was observed with much interest.

An accident occurred to Sundram, an Indian coolie, on the 15th. He was seriously burnt, apparently caused by using a naked light while working on a gas line near boiler battery No. 10.

Launches.—The m.l. *Helen* has had another accident. Her rudder plate was torn from the rudder post when coming in over the bar. On sending her for repair various defects were dis-

covered. The *Helen*, being an old launch, has reached the stage where fairly heavy bills for repairs appear to be frequently necessary.

Health.—Suleiman continued vaccination in Miri, Pujut and Bakong. No further cases of smallpox are reported from Suai.

Baram.

January, 1926.

The District Officer, Baram, Mr. C. D. Adams, reports as follows:—

Court.—Munbau, Dyak, imprisoned three months, disobedience of Government Orders; Sindar and Rabong fined \$15, breach of Jelutong Regulations; Ah Teck imprisoned three years, swindling Dyaks; Patong imprisoned nine months and Resat fined \$25, swindling upriver people; Ah Chai and Ah Thai imprisoned six months each for harbouring an escaped prisoner; John, Dyak, imprisoned six months, interference in Long Kipt's house.

Fines and fees amounted to \$585.05.

General.—I returned from Miri on the 2nd instant. Tuanku Mohamat, Native Officer, and Dresser Reggie, returned from visiting Tutau and Apoh. The Penan tax was collected in full and also many outstanding fines. Over 1000 people vaccinated.

The Blaboi Dyak house was burnt to the ground and all property lost and also one death occurred.

A woman from another house who was cooking at the time was blamed for this. An inquiry was held and found no one was to blame. If it had been anyone belonging to the house and cooking, nothing would have been said. The accused woman coming from another house lost no property.

As land in Kampong Dagang is becoming very congested and many are applying to build good houses, Chop Kim Watt, who has a small plot of land in this kampong, taken over some years ago in payment of a debt, which should never have been allowed, was given notice to quit and a fair price will be paid by way of compensation. I also marked out 12 plots of 15 fathoms frontage in the old cattle field at the back of this kampong and many have been taken up.

I proceeded to Long Lama, accompanied by Janting, Produce Inspector, on the 28th instant, returning next day.

Nine licences were issued to buy birds' nests under new Local Order.

Mr. Woodward and Dresser Kim Cheng returned from visiting Baram and Akar Rivers and report that over 3000 people have been vaccinated, and that up to the present all people in these rivers are free from any sickness. Over \$200 outstanding fines were collected.

Ah Teck, prisoner, escaped but was recaptured the following day and received usual punishment.

The new system of accounting was put into force and was running smoothly at end of month.

Medical.—Five patients admitted and thirty-five out-patients treated during the month. Of these eleven were Chinese, ten Malays, sixteen Dyaks, one European, and two Kayans.

The people in this District have now practically all been vaccinated. Total number 10,201. Dresser Kim Cheng returned to Kuching.

Agriculture.—Padi harvest is in full swing and reports seem good.

Rainfall was 5.92 inches.

P.W.D.—Owing to a heavy flood, the biggest for many years, it was impossible for prisoners to work on the roads for the first half of the month, so they were employed in the ornamental grounds.

For the rest of the month, they were busy repairing damage done to the roads. Prisoners averaged 32.39.

Forestry.—Many rafts of timber worked by upriver people arrived down and sold to Messrs. Sarawak Oilfields, Limited, Bakong. 86 logs arrived from Sarawak Oilfields, Limited, logging outfit in Tutau. This is the first consignment since commencement of same in September last. Mr. Corson, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Fourth Division, arrived on the 25th instant and was still here at end of month.

Telegraphs and Telephones.—Erection of Wireless Station commenced and should be near completion in about another month. Telephone to Miri was down most of the month owing to heavy floods.

Trade and Shipping.—S.S. *Gladys* made an unsuccessful attempt to enter between 22nd and 25th instant there being little water, the tide only beginning to rise.

	Imports.	Exports.
1925 ...	\$ 9,453	\$26,609
1926 ...	15,683	35,528

C. E. ERMEN,
Acting Resident Fourth Division.

FIFTH DIVISION.

Limbang.

December, 1925.

Court.—In the Resident's Court, Lawas, Amat, a Javanese, was sentenced to 18 months' R.I. under section 506, and Awang, a Dyak, to two years under section 420. Owing to the insecure state of Lawas jail both men were brought to Limbang to serve their sentences. At Limbang, Ah Fatt, alias Foo Tai, an escaped prisoner from Lawas in 1923, was sentenced to four years' R.I., for he had previous convictions. In the District Court, Bong Swee was given six months for theft of rubber scrap.

Travelling.—I was away at Lawas from the 1st to the 4th, and at Broketon from the 12th to the 14th.

Staff.—The A.A.D.O., Lawas, returned from leave by the *Alice Lorraine* on the 18th.

Treasury.—Law Ah Lan, the book-keeper, was sent to Lawas, Trusan and Sundar during the month to look over the accounts at these stations. No sooner had he returned than a long letter was received from the Treasurer on the 18th regarding fresh modifications in the new system, so that Law Ah Lan's visit was practically wasted.

The new Treasury books and forms did not arrive until 30th, allowing no time for them to be distributed round the Division and for the clerks to become familiar with them before the New Year.

Public Works.—Mr. Binnie arrived by the *Alice Lorraine* on the 18th to look into the proposed new water scheme at Bukit Hitam, and was still engaged on this work at the end of the month. He also advised with regard to other public works for 1926. Periodical visits by a Public Works Officer to this Division are much appreciated.

The road coolies have been engaged in remaking the path below the Residency bungalow which runs behind the Bazaar, whilst the prisoners the greater part of this month were employed on improving the *rentis* to Bukit Hitam and in clearing the bank of the valley above the waterfall.

Military.—Private Rawing of the Trusan squad died in the Limbang hospital on the 26th from acute peritonitis.

Marine.—The m.l. *Saripah* was purchased from Messrs. The Island Trading Co., Brunei. She replaces the *Nitie* at Lawas. The latter launch will be sent to Bintulu as soon as a suitable opportunity occurs.

General.—Visitors to the station during the month were the British Resident and Mr. George from Brunei, Mothers Helen and Stanislaus, and Messrs. Binnie and Spurway from Kuching, and Messrs. Cook and Pollard from Lawas.

The total rainfall recorded was 9.97 inches.

Shipping.—The *Alice Lorraine* arrived on the 18th from Kuching. She was still in this Division at the end of the month. She made two trips from Punang to Labuan conveying 106 logs for repairs to His Highness the Rajah's Labuan wharves. She also brought over from Broketon a quantity of old bricks and corrugated iron, and about 30 tons of timber from Baiaugiran for Kuching.

The *Auby* made two trips to Singapore via Kuching. The *Kwong Yick* called in five times from Labuan and the *Peter Duff* and *Adele* twice, whilst the *Daisy* made one trip from Brunei.

Trade Returns are as under:—

	Exports.	Imports.
Foreign ...	\$ 37,790	\$ 33,358
Coasting ...	9,098	19,483
	46,888	52,841
Brought forward ...	336,412	291,690
Total to date ...	\$383,300	\$344,531
1924 ...	\$244,093	\$253,328

I attach the A.A.D.O.'s reports for November and December.

January, 1926.

Court.—There were a number of petty cases in both Magistrate's Civil and Criminal Courts.

In the District Court Kamar bin Tairudin, a Kadayan, was sentenced to two years under section 380, and Laut was fined \$50 or in default three months under section 411.

General.—The regatta, sports and illuminations held on New Year's Day, passed off under the most glorious weather conditions. The usual crowds poured in from the surrounding country.

The eclipse of the sun on the 14th was fairly well observed. The weather at the time was somewhat cloudy.

The harvest promises to be up to the average, but rats are a pest, and there have been many applications for the rat poison supplied free.

The rainfall recorded amounted to 19.07 inches.

Travelling.—On the 21st I left intending to visit Sundar and Trusan, but was obliged to give up the attempt owing to the unfavourable state of the bar, and the stiff afternoon breeze, so spent a couple of nights at Brooketon instead.

I was away at Lawas from the 27th to 31st; here there were several cases in the Resident's Court.

Visitors.—The British Resident and Mr. George returned to Brunei on the 2nd, Messrs. Binnie and Spurway left for Kuching in the *Alice Lorraine* on the 3rd, and Messrs. Cook and Pollard went back to Lawas on the 4th.

Public Works.—The road coolies finished re-making the path behind the bazaar, and cleaning the roads and ditches through the down river kampongs. The prisoners averaged 27.25. The gang lopped and trimmed the trees in the bazaar, cleared a heavy landslide on the road through the gorge, they also improved the rain escape trench behind hospital and repaired wharf.

The following contracts were signed by Wong Kiau the Government contractor: Make extensive repairs and additions to the Limbang Court House, build a new Malay school and Native Court House in one, erect two new clerks' quarters, a house for the Malay school teacher and Police quarters with office attached at Limpaku Penang and Rangau, and build a large public wharf entirely of belian in front of the main bazaar. All the above to be completed before the end of September this year.

Shipping and Trade.—Fifty head of buffalo were shipped to Kuching and twenty to Sibü.

The *Auby* made two trips to Singapore and the *Alice Lorraine* one to Kuching. The launches *Kwong Yick* and *Peter Duff* made four and two trips respectively and the *Adele* one.

The Trade Returns are as below:—

	Imports.	Exports.
Foreign	\$21,181	\$18,840
Coasting	3,547	9,394
	\$24,728	\$28,234
1925	\$18,485	\$23,793

Lawas and Trusan.

November, 1925.

The Acting Assistant District Officer, Mr. F. H. Pollard, reports as follows:—

Court.—In the Magistrate's Court, Maisah (f.) and Latip were sentenced to six months each on a charge of theft; Gani fined \$10 for assault; Bee Seng \$25 for breach of Order No. XXIII, 1924, and Eng Guan Seng \$10 for breach of Order No. LVI, 1924. Four Kadayans were fined \$5 each for misbehaviour in Court. Foo Tai was sentenced to three months and one dozen strokes with the rotan for escaping from jail in 1923.

Crime.—Awang (Dyak) and Ahmat were detained during the month on charges of cheating and criminal intimidation respectively.

Prisoners.—The average number of prisoners during the month was six. They were employed on the general upkeep of the station and in breaking stones for cement work at Trusan.

Public Works.—The contract for the Police Quarters at Trusan was signed by Raman the Malay contractor. He agrees to erect the building for \$80, the materials being supplied by Government.

Owing to the heavy floods, the bridge beyond the bazaar collapsed during the month, but fortunately most of the timber was saved. It is hoped that it will be possible to erect a suspension bridge next year as no bridge supported on piles is really secure against floods.

Travelling.—On the 3rd I visited Merapok where I held Court, returning the same day. On the 16th I went over to Limbang to catch s.s. *Gladys* en route for Kuching and Singapore for medical treatment. I was still away at the end of the month.

Health.—Ali Omar, vaccinator, arrived from Limbang on the 15th and visited all substations in the Lawas district. At the end of the month he left for Sundar and Trusan.

Staff.—Customs Officers Kuan Hin and Tersat returned from training in Kuching and relieved Customs Officers Pidin and Amit who returned to Limbang. Kuan Hin was stationed at Sundar in place of Pidin, and Tersat at Merapok in place of Abang Ali who relieved Amit at the Kuala.

Agriculture.—The Lawas (Sarawak) Rubber Estates, Ltd., exported 24,131 lbs. of dry rubber during the month. Most of the people were away on their farms, but it appears that most of the Muruts find clearing rubber gardens more remunerative than padi planting, and they will be hard hit should there be a slump in the rubber market.

There have been many applications for occupation tickets to plant rubber. These will be issued after the land has been inspected otherwise all the padi land will be planted with rubber.

General.—As a result of the accident to the *Auby* the supply of opium ran out, but fortunately 2,000 packets were obtained from Limbang. The Court Writer, Louis Jun, went on leave at the beginning of the month, his place being taken by the second clerk Kong Kian.

Shipping.—S.S. *Alice Lorraine* called once to load timber for Kuching, and s.l. *Daisy* made one trip.

Rainfall.—The rainfall recorded was as under:—

Lawas	30.74 inches
Lawas Estate	29.37 ..
Trusan	27.22 ..

Trade.—The Trade Returns are as follows:—

FOREIGN.

<i>Lawas.</i> —	Imports.	Exports.
November, 1925 ...	\$17,088	\$80,250
„ 1924 ...	11,061	21,048
<i>Trusan.</i> —		
November, 1925 ...	\$ 7,944	\$24,878
„ 1924 ...	6,368	11,040

COASTING.

<i>Lawas.</i> —		
November, 1925 ...	\$ 1,299	\$ 1,075
<i>Trusan.</i> —		
November, 1925 ...	\$ 2,259	\$ 2,294

December, 1925.

Court.—In the Resident's Court, Awang was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for cheating, and Ahmat to eighteen months for criminal intimidation. There were several minor cases, none of which call for special mention.

Crime.—Ah Soo and Ho Bong were remanded to await trial by the Resident's Court on charges of criminal intimidation.

Property to the value of about \$200 was stolen from Pengiran Jappar's house at Trusan on the night of 14th. In connection with this affair two Javanese named Rabun and Juyo have been detained. They were brought in by Agong Berangat and had some of the stolen property with them. Three Chinese are also being detained.

Prisoners.—The average number of prisoners during the month was six. They were employed on the general upkeep of the station.

Public Works.—The cement work under the Trusan Fort was finished and the contractor paid off. The Sloateng bridge at Lawas finally collapsed after a flood. A suspension bridge will now be built.

Travelling.—I arrived at Broketon from Kuching on the 18th proceeding to Sundar in the launch the same day. I went up to Trusan the next day, returning to Lawas on 20th. On 24th, accompanied by Mr. Cook, I left by launch for Limbang where I spent Christmas and New Year.

Agriculture.—The Lawas (Sarawak) Rubber Estates, Ltd., exported 48,844 lbs. of dry rubber during the month.

General.—The Resident visited Lawas from 1st to 4th and settled all outstanding cases. Ah Lan, book-keeper Fifth Division, visited Lawas, Trusan and Sundar during the month.

Health.—Ali Omar, vaccinator, returned to Limbang. He reported having vaccinated 1,201 persons in the district.

Military.—I regret to report that Pte. Raweng, Sarawak Rangers, died in the Limbang Hospital of acute peritonitis.

Shipping.—S.S. *Alice Lorraine* called at Penang to load piles for the Labuan wharf and at Kayangaran to load timber for Kuching. S.L. *Daisy* made two trips during the month, and m.l. *Nancy* and m.l. *Adele* one each.

The new launch m.l. *Saripah* arrived from Limbang on the 9th. She is an excellent sea boat and it will now be possible to go to Trusan at any time of day and in almost any weather. M.L. *Nellie* went over to Limbang to wait for the Kuching steamer to take her to Bintulu.

Rainfall.—The rainfall recorded was as follows:—

Lawas	20.32 inches
Lawas Estate	25.30 ..
Trusan	18.84 ..

Trade.—The Trade Returns are as follows:—

FOREIGN.

<i>Lawas.</i> —	Imports.	Exports.
December, 1925 ...	\$40,051	\$88,046
„ 1924 ...	14,925	41,542
<i>Trusan.</i> —		
December, 1925 ...	\$ 7,733	\$21,281
„ 1924 ...	7,942	7,543

COASTING.

<i>Lawas.</i> —		
December, 1925 ...	nil	\$ 868
<i>Trusan.</i> —		
December, 1925 ...	\$ 2,540	\$ 2,713

F. F. BOULT,
Resident Fifth Division.

Knobing, Foreign Trade Returns for the month of Jan., 1926.

IMPORTS—(Continued.)

IMPORTS.				IMPORTS—(Continued.)			
ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.		ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.	
Aerated water ...	cases	5	\$ 200	<i>Brought forward</i>			\$ 456,416
Ammunition ...	...	...	1,927	Opium, raw ...	chests	12	31,544
Arrack, etc. ...	...	...	17,500	Paint, varnish and tar ...	...	...	2,287
Biscuits ...	...	...	5,451	Papers ...	...	...	2,801
Blachan ...	piculs	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	828	Provisions, sundry ...	...	...	7,440
Blankets ...	...	...	992	Prusius (dried) ...	piculs	$\frac{2}{5}$	85
Brass and Copper plates, sheets and sheathing ...	...	...	1,900	.. (refuse) ...	piculs	321 $\frac{3}{10}$	1,551
Brass & copperware ...	...	...	2,445	Rickshaws ...	no.	8	420
Boots & shoes ...	...	...	2,327	<i>Rope</i>			
Butter & cheese ...	...	...	799	Coir ...	coils	18	150
Candles ...	...	...	701	Manila ...	coils	29	1,418
Canvas ...	...	...	434	Wire ...	coils	13	1,238
Cement ...	cases	194	1,197	Sago, pearl or raw ...	piculs	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	78
Cinematographic films	...	...	12,300	Salt ...	piculs	1,332 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,710
Clocks and watches	...	...	1,324	Silverware ...	...	...	3,880
<i>Cloth</i>				Soap ...	...	...	3,208
Cotton ...	...	...	64,720	Stationery and books	...	...	3,626
Silk and woollen ...	...	...	6,990	Sugar ...	piculs	825 $\frac{1}{10}$	6,760
<i>Clothing</i>				Sundries ...	...	...	84,596
Cotton ...	...	...	4,102	Tea in bundles ...	boxes	229	3,738
Sarongs ...	...	...	14,954	Do. tins ...	...	...	528
<i>Coffee</i>				Telegraph and telephone materials and apparatus ...	...	...	675
Liberian, etc. ...	piculs	46 $\frac{7}{10}$	2,045	Timber ...	...	...	1,011
In tins ...	...	...	498	Twine and thread ...	...	...	8,669
Confectionery ...	...	...	891	<i>Tobacco</i>			
Cotton seed ...	...	...	1,584	In tins, cigars & cigarettes	...	...	86,074
Crockery and glassware ...	...	...	4,131	Chinese ...	cases	61	3,833
Curry stuff and sauce, etc. ...	...	...	5,889	P. Java and Sarobok, etc.	piculs	46 $\frac{9}{10}$	6,113
Cycles and motor cycles and accessories ...	...	...	4,442	<i>Treasure</i>			
Dama torches ...	...	...	358	<i>Vegetables</i>			
<i>Drugs and Chemicals</i>				Fresh ...	...	...	5,996
For manufg. purposes ...	...	...	8,310	Salted and preserved ...	...	...	4,114
Drugs and medicine	...	...	8,055	In tins ...	...	...	998
Druggists and dentists sundries ...	...	...	25	Wayang effects ...	...	...	2,000
Eggs, fresh and salted ...	no.	87,545	3,229	Whines and spirits ...	...	...	22,301
Electrical goods and apparatus	...	...	450	<i>Wine</i>			
Exports returns to shippers...	...	...	37	Brass and copper ...	...	...	155
Firearms ...	...	...	1,808	Galvanised ...	...	...	637
Fireworks ...	...	...	2,735	Manufactures of ...	...	...	264
<i>Fish</i>				<i>Zinc</i>			
Dried and Salted ...	piculs	1,070 $\frac{1}{2}$	24,792	Sheathing and sheeting ...	...	...	980
In tins ...	...	...	10,710	Zincware ...	...	...	745
Flour ...	bags	1,372	5,673	TOTAL VALUE	...	...	\$729,506
<i>Fruit</i>				<i>Brought forward</i>	...	...	...
Fresh ...	...	...	876	Total value to date	...	...	\$729,506
Dried and preserved ...	...	...	1,132	1925 ...	...	...	\$867,089
In tins ...	...	...	2,027				
Furniture ...	...	...	4,120	EXPORTS.			
Ghee ...	piculs	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,194	ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.	
Gold leaf ...	ozs.	506	19,000	Antelants ...	piculs	32 $\frac{3}{4}$	\$ 342
<i>Grains</i>				Bees-wax ...	piculs	46 $\frac{7}{10}$	3,337
Beans and peas ...	piculs	351 $\frac{1}{4}$	3,451	Birds' nests, white ...	catties	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	103
Padi ...	piculs	420	1,680	Do. black ...	piculs	11 $\frac{1}{10}$	4,974
Rice ...	piculs	11,705 $\frac{1}{2}$	92,402	Do. refuse ...	catties	3 $\frac{3}{10}$	11
Other sorts ...	piculs	2,841 $\frac{1}{2}$	8,670	Blachan ...	piculs	11 $\frac{1}{10}$	146
Gumms, new ...	bales	38	8,625	Cinematographic films	...	...	8,300
Do. old ...	bundles	12	390	Charcoal ...	piculs	1,058 $\frac{9}{10}$	1,979
Hans and bacon ...	...	...	1,091	Copra ...	piculs	2,212 $\frac{9}{10}$	25,569
Hats ...	...	...	3,200	Crockeryware ...	...	...	304
<i>Iron and Steel</i>				<i>Danar</i>			
Bars, plates and rods, etc.	...	...	7,527	Daging ...	piculs	415 $\frac{1}{10}$	14,568
Cooking and household utensils ...	...	...	2,575	Mata kuching ...	piculs	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	216
Corrugated and galvanised iron ...	...	...	851	Empties ...	...	...	4,904
Other manufactures of iron and steel ...	...	...	11,203	<i>Fish</i>			
Jewellery ...	...	...	1,707	Dried and salted ...	piculs	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	220
Joss-sticks and papers	...	...	2,365	Fins ...	piculs	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	693
Lard ...	piculs	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,014	Maws ...	piculs	2 $\frac{3}{10}$	782
Lamps ...	...	...	2,445	Roe ...	piculs	3 $\frac{3}{10}$	236
Leather ...	piculs	14 $\frac{9}{10}$	1,494	Gambier ...	...	...	340
Do. Manufactures of	...	...	1,797	Gumoes, old ...	bundles	260	2,680
<i>Live stock</i>				<i>Gutta and Rubber</i>			
Cattle ...	head	16	1,800	Jangkar ...	piculs	60 $\frac{3}{10}$	3,320
Swine ...	head	60	2,400	J-intung ...	piculs	1,378	33,965
Machinery ...	...	...	15,358	Do. refined ...	piculs	5,453 $\frac{3}{10}$	271,061
Mats ...	...	...	990	Percha ...	piculs	5 $\frac{9}{10}$	1,673
Matchos* ...	cases	228	2,357	Plantation ...	piculs	6,662 $\frac{1}{10}$	1,287,918
Macaroni and vermicelli ...	...	...	1,289	Leaf gutta ...	piculs	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,497
Milk, Condensed and sterilised ...	cases	471	6,770	<i>Hides, skins and horns, etc.</i>			
Motor lorries and cars ...	...	...	10,700	Ant eater ...	piculs	3 $\frac{3}{10}$	346
Oils, etc. accessories ...	...	...	536	Buffalo and cow ...	piculs	89 $\frac{9}{10}$	719
Vegetable ...	piculs	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,794	Rhinoceros ...	catties	60 $\frac{1}{10}$	75
Litoriating ...	piculs	75	2,243	Other kinds ...	piculs	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	86
K-rosene ...	cases	1,462	8,333	Imports returned to shippers	...	...	14,788
Methylated spirit	gallons	84	87	Ironware ...	...	...	5
				Kajangs ...	...	...	237
				Mats ...	...	...	169
<i>Carried forward</i>			\$ 456,416	<i>Carried forward</i>			\$ 1,086,548

EXPORTS—(Continued.)

ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	VALUR.
<i>Brought forward</i>		
Machinery ... ..	...	1,120
N. H. Specimens ... ..	...	69
<i>Oils—</i>		
Vegetable	piculs 2 1/2	68
Pepper (white)	piculs 473 1/2	37,370
Do. (black)	piculs 69 1/2	4,408
Prawns (dried)	piculs 43 1/2	2,437
Sago flour	piculs 20,536 1/2	129,381
Sugar nipa	piculs 180	594
Sundries ... ..	...	626
Timber ... ..	...	92
Do. ma infactured ... ..	...	82
Tuba roots	piculs 271 1/2	2,526
Zinc ... ..	...	195
TOTAL VALUR ... ..	...	\$1,865,507
<i>Brought forward</i> ... ..	...	...
Total value to date ... ..	...	\$1,865,507
1925 ... ..	...	\$ 796,460

Kuching, Coasting Trade Returns for the month of Jan., 1926.

IMPORTS.

ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	VALUR.
Bird's nests	piculs 2 1/2	\$ 847
Cattle	head 101	4,978
Coal	tons 1,012	11,132
Damar	piculs 287 1/2	6,115
Gutta jangkar	piculs 7 1/2	197
Do. jelutong	piculs 5,272 2/3	84,108
Do. percha	piculs 12 1/2	2,610
Indiarubber	piculs 1	58
Padi	piculs 288 1/2	1,215
Plantation rubber	piculs 1,935	230,824
Prawns refuse	piculs 34 1/2	189
Pepper (white)	piculs 272	17,278
Do. (black)	piculs 30 1/2	1,437
Rattans, No. 1, sega, etc.	piculs 1	6
Do. No. 2, temoi, etc.	piculs 1	6
Rice	piculs 17	125
Sago raw	l'pins 26,360	28,146
Sundries ... ..	...	86,970
Treasure ... ..	...	9,947
TOTAL VALUR ... ..	...	\$ 434,976
<i>Brought forward</i> ... ..	...	...
Total value to date ... ..	...	\$ 434,976
1925 ... ..	...	\$ 364,544

EXPORTS.

ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	VALUR.
Brassware ... ..	...	\$ 4,486
Flour	bags 206	893
Ironware ... ..	...	7,430
Jaw	no. 431	1,850
Oil, kerosene	cases 1,254 1/2	7,537
Opium ... ..	...	81,800
Padi	piculs 132 1/2	682
Rice	piculs 3,736 1/2	32,150
Salt	piculs 784 1/2	2,297
Sundries ... ..	...	157,977
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes ... ..	...	24,068
Treasure ... ..	...	29,200
Wines and spirits ... ..	...	14,048
TOTAL VALUR ... ..	...	\$ 363,868
<i>Brought forward</i> ... ..	...	...
Total value to date ... ..	...	\$ 363,868
1925 ... ..	...	\$ 333,078

J. A. H. HARDIE,
Registrar of Trade.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

PER s.s. *Kuching*.—11th February. From Singapore. Mr. G. D. W. Frayling, Mr. Walters, Mr. S. Takasaki, Mr. Sim Why Khoo, Mr. Tan Yat, Mr. Koh Jeng, Mr. Lim Tee Chew.

PER s.s. *Kuching*.—23rd February. From Singapore. Mr. T. A. Roberts, Mr. Finster, Mr. J. W. Rowland, Mr. J. P. Reutens, Miss E. Reutens, Miss V. Reutens, Mr. Sim Soon Ku, Mr. Kho Boon Toh, Mr. Quek Hoon Choe, Mr. Chan Thiam Hee, Mr. Loo Siang Kia, Mr. Then Eng Fook.

Departures.

PER s.s. *Kuching*.—5th February. For Singapore. Mr. and Mrs. Hadfield, Mr. R. G. Riviere, Miss Ida de Rozario, Miss Sim Kai Eng.

PER s.s. *Kuching*.—16th February. For Singapore. Mr. J. P. Mead, Mrs. Mead and child, Mr. Sim Why Khoo, Mr. Wee Boon Chew, Mr. Song Kheng Hai, Mr. Then Eng Fook, Mr. S. C. Wong, Mr. Lo Tim, Miss En Sia, Miss En Soo, Mr. Ah Shin, Mr. Lian Shin, Mrs. Wee Boon Chew, Mr. A. S. Reuten.

THE "SARAWAK GAZETTE"
ALMANAC.
MARCH, 1926.

En- glish Days of Week.	Chi- nese Days of Month.	Mo- dan. Dates.	MOON'S PHASES, ETC.		High water at Kuching.	
			7th Last quarter ☾	14th New moon ☉	21st First quarter ☽	29th Full moon ☽	A. M.	P. M.
M	1	17	16	St David	6 11	6 22
Tu	2	18	17	...	6 40	6 53
W	3	19	18	...	7 09	7 24
Th	4	20	19	...	7 39	7 55
F	5	21	20	...	8 11	8 30
S	6	22	21	...	8 45	9 09
S	7	23	22	3rd SUNDAY IN LEAP	9 28	10 02
M	8	24	23	...	10 28	11 14
Tu	9	25	24	Kodang Expedition, 1886	11 45	—
W	10	26	25	...	0 40	1 15
Th	11	27	26	...	2 07	2 36
F	12	28	27	Maha Shivaratri. (Indian Festival)	3 17	3 39
S	13	29	28	...	4 10	4 38
S	14	2 1	29	4th SUNDAY IN LEAP	4 54	5 11
M	15	2 2	1	5th SUNDAY IN LEAP	5 36	5 57
Tu	16	3 3	2	6th SUNDAY IN LEAP	6 21	6 41
W	17	4 4	3	7th SUNDAY IN LEAP	7 02	7 22
Th	18	5 5	4	8th SUNDAY IN LEAP	7 41	8 02
F	19	6 6	5	9th SUNDAY IN LEAP	8 20	8 43
S	20	7 7	6	10th SUNDAY IN LEAP	9 00	9 27
S	21	8 8	7	11th SUNDAY IN LEAP	9 49	10 27
M	22	9 9	8	12th SUNDAY IN LEAP	10 57	11 43
Tu	23	10 10	9	13th SUNDAY IN LEAP	—	0 16
W	24	11 11	10	14th SUNDAY IN LEAP	1 06	1 39
Th	25	12 12	11	15th SUNDAY IN LEAP	2 25	2 52
F	26	13 13	12	16th SUNDAY IN LEAP	3 26	3 44
S	27	14 14	13	17th SUNDAY IN LEAP	4 09	4 22
S	28	15 15	14	18th SUNDAY IN LEAP	4 42	4 53
M	29	16 16	15	19th SUNDAY IN LEAP	5 11	5 24
Tu	30	17 17	16	20th SUNDAY IN LEAP	5 42	5 55
W	31	18 18	17	21st SUNDAY IN LEAP	6 11	6 26

Miri, Foreign Trade Returns for the month of Nov., 1925.

IMPORTS.

DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Aerated Water ...	cases 88	\$ 580
Acid Clay ...	tons 29.20	1,392
" Sulphuric ...	tons 16.65	1,078
Arrack (Chinese) ...	cases 80	3,250
Ammunition ...	no. 325	16
Automobile Accessories ...	...	1,342
Belting hair ...	ft. 2,711	6,493
Biscuits ...	...	2,090
Bicycles ...	no. 23	1,910
Butter ...	...	322
Cloth, cotton ...	yds. 5,405	4,081
Clothing ..	...	2,543
Cotton waste ...	...	618
Coffee ...	lbs. 4,480	1,791
" piculs ...	piculs 38.75	1,791
Cement ...	cases 1,650	7,293
" recls ...	reels 63	200
Cinemas films ...	...	1,453
Crockeryware ...	...	550
Crackers (Chinese) ...	...	112,098
Drill parts for Boring ...	...	2,155
Drugs ...	...	75
Dried prawns ...	piculs 1.00	582
Eggs, fresh ...	no. 12,500	3,815
" salted ...	no. 67,610	867
Electrical apparatus ...	...	1,451
Empties ...	...	4,012
Fish, salted ...	piculs 140.64	1,316
" in tins ...	...	60
Firearms ...	no. 2	3,148
Flour ...	sacks 813	2,527
Fruit, fresh ...	...	1,567
Furniture ...	...	3,876
Gas ...	cyls. 80	3,449
Hose canvas ...	yds. 5,020	30,598
Ironware ...	...	545
Leather ...	piculs 31.23	1,847
Lard ...	piculs ...	1,400
<i>Live stock</i> ...	...	879
Cattle ...	head 19	1,521
Pigs ...	head 25	26,618
Poultry ...	head 1,482	559
Machinery ...	...	2,997
Matches ...	cases 27	269
Milk ...	cases 223	30,956
<i>Oil and Grease</i> ...	...	19,211
Kerosene ...	cases 518	748
Linseed ...	gallons 26,880	5,838
Lubricating ...	gallons 5,507	2,337
Vegetable ...	piculs 62.91	157
Paint ...	lbs. 21,794	457
Y. Grease ...	lbs. 1,920	587
Provisions & sundries ...	...	611
Rice ...	piculs 2,125.57	1,161
Rattan goods ...	...	1,161
Rope (Manila) ...	lbs. 10,645	27,065
Sugar ...	piculs 300.96	1,700
Salt ...	piculs 53.70	653
Sauce and Vinegar ...	jars 92	21,961
Soap ...	cases 34	160,000
Stationery ...	...	849
Tea (Chinese) ...	cases 31	519
Tobacco & cigarettes in tins ...	lbs. 13,425	4,255
" Chinese ...	cases 34	...
" Siam ...	piculs 8.28	...
Timber ...	c. ft. 17,708.94	...
Treasure ...	...	...
Vegetables, fresh ...	...	...
" salted ...	jars 87	...
Wines and Spirits ...	gallons 1,411	...
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	...	\$ 568,908
" ...	...	5,920,273
TOTAL ...	...	\$6,450,181

EXPORTS.

DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Birds' nest black cleaned ...	caties 31	\$ 85
" " black ...	piculs 23.92	2,881
Buffalo hides ...	piculs 22.83	225
Cloth, cotton ...	yds. 1,080	550
Coke ...	bags 60	175
Cement ...	Casks 79	326
Empties ...	...	739
Eggs salted ...	no. 3,000	173
<i>Gutta & Rubber</i> —Jelutong ...	piculs 121.99	1,880
Plantation ...	piculs 94.72	8,126
R. Scrap ...	piculs 30.56	1,840
Ironware ...	...	60,090
Kajangs ...	pes. 540	88
Milk ...	cases 12	174
Oil, Benzine ...	tons 12,325.84	1,885,854
" Crude ...	tons 14,270.88	189,514
" Kerosene ...	tons 5,545.10	392,706
" Liquid fuel ...	tons 12,989.08	219,904
" Lubricating ...	gallons 535	421
" Vegetable ...	piculs 7.24	122
Provisions & sundries ...	...	4,280
Rice ...	piculs 231.39	3,046
Sugar ...	piculs 17.72	181
" Nipah ...	piculs 10.00	60
Stationery ...	...	112
Tobacco & cigarettes in tins ...	lbs. 727	1,243
Treasure ...	...	2,181
Vegetables, salted ...	jars 10	30
Wines ...	gallons 39	201
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	...	\$2,716,227
" ...	...	21,878,553
TOTAL ...	...	\$24,594,780

Miri, Coasting Trade Returns for the month of Nov., 1925.

IMPORTS.

DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Aerated Water ...	cases 57	\$ 481
Attaps, Belian ...	pieces 155,700	1,602
Attaps, Leaf ...	pieces 900	9
Birds' nest (Black) ...	piculs 53.09	5,787
Biscuits ...	...	316
Cloth, cotton ...	yds. 3,780	1,850
Clothing ...	...	433
Charcoal ...	piculs 52.00	98
Coffee ...	piculs 6.90	275
Crockeryware ...	...	393
Dried prawns ...	piculs 16.65	1,029
Drugs ...	...	106
Fish, Salted ...	piculs 5.53	197
" In tins ...	...	465
Fruit, fresh ...	...	252
<i>Gutta & Rubber</i> —Jelutong ...	piculs 889.00	8,920
Plantation... piculs 206.34	...	31,225
R. Scrap ... piculs 67.60	...	5,478
Ironware ...	...	168
<i>Live stock</i> ...	...	...
Buffaloes ...	head 5	260
Poultry ...	head 22	12
Pigs ...	head 8	500
Lard ...	piculs 2.24	98
Oil, Vegetable ...	piculs 16.74	456
Opium ...	...	10,800
Padi ...	piculs 189.92	1,027
Provisions and sundries ...	...	34
Rice ...	piculs 182.92	6,897
Sugar ...	piculs 82.00	1,731
Sauce and Vinegar ...	jars 11	61
Treasure ...	...	450
Vegetables, salted ...	jars 7	70
Wines ...	gallons 51	406
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	...	\$ 82,125
" ...	...	602,080
TOTAL ...	...	\$684,205

EXPORTS.

DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Aerated Water	cases 21	\$ 140
Bicycles	no. 5	570
Biscuits ... ..	...	865
Cloth, cotton	yds. 1,853	250
Clothing .. ... ..	...	696
Empties ... ..	...	130
Fish, salted	piculs 2.90	187
" In tins ... ..	...	115
Flour	sacks 27	115
Gutta & Rubber—Jelutong	piculs 919.98	12,624
Plantation	piculs 127.19	20,091
R. Scrap	piculs 62.71	5,353
Ironware ... ..	...	281
Lard	piculs 2.74	106
Milk	cases 15	208
Oil, kerosene	cases 217	1,150
" Vegetable	piculs 10.24	315
Provisions and sundries ... ..	...	9,213
Rice	piculs 572.24	5,768
Sugar	piculs 138.20	1,291
Soap	cases 6	79
Sauce (Chinese)	jars 6	30
Treasure ... ..	...	2,000
Tobacco and Cigs. in tins	lbs. 2,960	5,768
		\$67,560
Brought forward ... ..	...	288,479
TOTAL ... ..	...	\$356,039

KUCHING SHIPPING.

Arrivals.

Departures.

Jan.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG AND RIG.	TONS.	CAPTAIN OR NAHKODA.	FROM.
3	Auby	Sar. str.	319	McPhail	Limbang
3	Kim Chin Seng	"	128	Awg. Rais	Sibu
4	Sri Sadong	"	134	Mohamad	Sadong
5	Nam Hoi	"	72	Nor	Sadong
5	L'Aubaine	"	48	Hassan	Limbang
7	Alice Lorraine	"	48	Hassan	Sadong
8	L'Aubaine	"	62	Awg. Jen	"
8	Muaratebas	"	67	Sahari	Rejang
9	Mas Lalang	"	892	Hollinshead	Sibu
10	Rajah of Sarawak	"	46	Awg. Small	"
11	Sarawak	"	903	Benfield	Singapore
12	L'Aubaine	"	48	Hassan	Sadong
12	Sri Sadong	"	134	Mohamad	"
13	Auby	"	319	McPhail	Singapore
15	Sarawak	"	46	Awg. Small	Sibu
15	Nam Hoi	"	72	Nor	"
16	Enq Hop Leong	"	69	Hassan	Bintulu
16	Glady	"	173	Deli	Miri
16	Hock Ann	"	15	Mantasan	Betong
18	Rajah of Sarawak	"	892	Hollinshead	Singapore
18	L'Aubaine	"	48	Hassan	Sadong
18	Kim Chin Thong	"	20	Latip	Saratok
18	Lupar	"	34	Osman	Simatan
18	Mrak Tanjong	"	29	Drahman	Matu
18	Majinis	"	70	Hj. Dul	"
18	Muaratebas	"	62	Awg. Jen	Sadong
18	Chin Teck Lee	"	104	Hamdan	Mukah
18	Bintang Trang	"	12	Ben	Betong
19	Sri Marion	sch.	80	Osen	Oya
19	Ghee Hong Ann	"	60	Dris	"
19	Kim Soon Heng	"	67	Hj. Daud	Mukah
20	Khan Moh	"	66	Abon	Oya
20	Lucile	str	26	Arip	Sadong
22	Kuching	"	903	Benfield	Singapore
22	Royal Rose	Brit.	58	Hj. Abbas	"
22	Muaratebas	S'wak	62	Awg. Jen	Sadong
23	L'Aubaine	"	48	Hassan	"
23	Lupar	"	34	Osman	Simatan
25	Kim Ching Thong	"	30	Osman	Saratok
25	Rajah of Sarawak	"	892	Hollinshead	Sibu
27	Bintang Trang	"	12	Ben	Betong
27	L'Aubaine	"	48	Hassan	Sadong
27	Alice Lorraine	"	140	Seman	Sibu
28	Sarawak	"	46	Awg. Small	Sibu
28	Hock Ann	"	15	Mantasan	Betong
29	Auby	"	319	McPhail	Bintulu
29	Nam Hoi	"	72	Nor	Sibu
29	Mas Lalang	"	67	Sahari	Rejang

Jan.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG AND RIG.	TONS.	CAPTAIN OR NAHKODA.	FOR.
1	Utrecht	Dut. str.	709	Zeylemaker	Jesselton
3	L'Aubaine	Sar. "	48	Hassan	Sadong
3	Glady	" "	173	Deli	Bintulu
4	Kuching	" "	903	Benfield	Singapore
5	Auby	" "	319	McPhail	"
5	Muaratebas	" "	62	Awg. Jen	Sadong
6	L'Aubaine	" "	48	Hassan	"
7	Hock Ann	" "	15	Mantasan	Betong
7	Nam Hoi	" "	72	Nor	Sibu
8	Kim Chin Thong	" "	134	Mohamed	Sadong
9	Rajah of Sarawak	" "	892	Hollinshead	Kalaka
10	L'Aubaine	" "	48	Hassan	Lingga
10	Lupar	" "	34	Osman	Simatan
11	Muaratebas	" "	62	Awg. Jen	Sibu
11	Mas Lalang	" "	67	Sahari	Rejang
12	Alice Lorraine	" "	140	Seman	Limbang
12	Sarawak	" "	46	Awg. Small	Sibu
13	Bintang Trang	" "	12	Ben	Betong
14	Kuching	" "	903	Benfield	Singapore
15	L'Aubaine	" "	48	Hassan	Sadong
15	Auby	" "	319	McPhail	Limbang
17	Sarawak	" "	46	Awg. Small	Sibu
18	Lucile	" "	26	Arip	Sadong
18	Glady	" "	173	Deli	Barau
18	Rajah of Sarawak	" "	892	Hollinshead	Sibu
19	Lupar	" "	34	Osman	Simatan
19	Muaratebas	" "	62	Awg. Jen	Sadong
19	Nam Hoi	" "	72	Nor	Sibu
19	Mas Lalang	" "	67	Sahari	Rejang
20	Hock Ann	" "	15	Jaya	Betong
20	L'Aubaine	" "	48	Hassan	Sadong
20	Kim Chin Thong	" "	20	Latip	Kalaka
21	Bintang Trang	" "	12	Ben	Betong
25	Kuching	" "	903	Benfield	Singapore
25	L'Aubaine	" "	48	Hassan	Sadong
26	Kim Chin Seng	" "	128	Awg. Rais	Oya
26	Rajah of Sarawak	" "	892	Hollinshead	Singapore
29	L'Aubaine	" "	48	Hassan	Sadong
29	Alice Lorraine	" "	140	Seman	Sibu
29	Muaratebas	" "	62	Awg. Jen	Sadong
29	Kim Chin Thong	" "	20	Latip	Kalaka
29	Bintang Trang	" "	12	Ben	Betong
30	Majinis	" "	70	Hj. Dul	Matu
30	Auby	" "	319	McPhail	Singapore
31	Sarawak	" "	46	Awg. Small	Sibu
31	Hock Ann	" "	15	Mantasan	Betong

Rainfall, January, 1926.

DURING 24 HOURS.

DATE.	Sudong Mines.	Sungei Tempah.	Sungei Chiau.	Matang K'voir.	Lundu.	Bintulu.	Baram.	L'bang.	Sibu.
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1	1.17	4.00	1.55	5.42	1.47	.82	—	—	.54
2	.17	—	.90	1.23	1.51	1.86	—	—	.86
3	2.25	7.20	1.80	6.29	1.48	.05	.51	.68	—
4	.10	1.80	1.90	1.82	1.43	.01	.13	.26	.62
5	.68	1.40	.20	1.45	.79	1.07	.12	.80	.37
6	1.15	.70	.35	1.34	.12	.92	.55	—	.48
7	.13	.90	.45	1.03	.17	.23	1.88	1.65	.56
8	—	.80	—	—	—	1.42	.10	4.81	.82
9	—	1.20	1.85	2.75	—	.25	—	1.60	1.73
10	1.05	.30	.85	.98	2.24	1.71	1.47	4.69	.94
11	—	—	—	—	.72	—	.11	.42	2.87
12	—	—	.20	.22	—	.79	—	.21	—
13	—	—	.25	.16	—	.99	—	1.75	—
14	.70	.24	.20	.10	.90	—	—	.35	—
15	.10	—	.15	—	.09	—	—	—	.40
16	1.52	—	.80	1.12	—	.18	—	—	—
17	—	—	.10	.13	.31	—	—	—	—
18	.94	1.35	1.80	1.28	.10	—	—	—	—
19	.32	.10	—	—	—	.04	—	—	—
20	1.90	—	1.55	1.60	—	.46	—	—	.50
21	.18	—	.80	.14	.89	1.59	.12	.50	1.30
22	2.10	2.05	1.45	2.25	.10	.51	.03	—	1.53
23	—	—	1.50	1.82	.59	1.52	—	—	1.26
24	1.00	2.00	1.55	1.95	—	—	—	—	.42
25	1.92	2.90	1.30	3.62	3.69	—	—	—	.64
26	.36	5.10	1.40	6.49	1.80	.73	—	—	—
27	—	.70	.60	1.80	1.49	—	—	—	—
28	.85	.54	.70	.90	.29	—	—	—	—
29	.66	1.18	2.00	1.53	.69	—	—	.1	—
30	—	2.10	3.30	2.18	.80	.14	—	—	.10
31	—	1.15	1.40	1.02	1.42	.20	.30	.35	—
Total	20.25	37.46	28.30	50.12	23.09	15.44	5.32	19.07	15.39

KUCHING SHIPPING RETURNS.

Arrivals.

DATE.	NAME OF VESSEL.	NAME OF CAPTAIN.	WHERE FROM.	CHINESE.		NATIVES OF INDIA.		OTHER ASIATICS.		TOTAL.
				Male.	Fem.	Male.	Fem.	Male.	Fem.	
1926.										
Jan. 11	S.S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	A. C. Benfield	Singapore	450	4	4	...	41	2	501
" 13	S.S. <i>Auby</i> ...	A. D. McPhail	Do.	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
" 22	S.S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	A. C. Benfield	Do.	344	16	7	...	8	...	375
				796	20	11	...	49	2	878
				215	22	18	...	17	1	273
				1925						

Departures.

DATE.	NAME OF VESSEL.	NAME OF CAPTAIN.	WHITHER BOUND.	CHINESE.		NATIVES OF INDIA.		OTHER ASIATICS.		TOTAL.
				Male.	Fem.	Male.	Fem.	Male.	Fem.	
1926.										
Jan. 4	S.S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	A. C. Benfield	Singapore	149	9	...	...	8	...	116
" 5	S.S. <i>Auby</i> ...	A. D. McPhail	Singapore	6	...	...	...	...	...	6
" 14	S.S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	A. C. Benfield	Singapore	97	6	9	...	14	5	131
" 25	S.S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	A. C. Benfield	Singapore	67	6	2	...	19	...	94
" 30	S.S. <i>Auby</i> ...	A. D. McPhail	Singapore	5	5
				324	21	11	...	41	5	402
				93	11	16	4	40	2	166
				1925						

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MIRI SHIPPING.

Arrivals.

Jan.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CAPTAIN OR NAKHODA.	FROM.
1	<i>Kajang</i>	Brit.	1275	F.H. Findlay	Labuan
1	<i>Auby</i>	Sar.	319	McPhail	Limbang
1	<i>Angus</i>	"	136	A. bin Awang	Labuan
1	<i>Peter</i>	"	27	Sapar	Bakong
3	<i>Glenbeg</i>	Ger.	5846		Singapore
3	<i>Vogtland</i>	"	4260	Bueh	Manila
4	<i>Alice Lorraine</i>	Sar.	140	Seman	Limbang
4	<i>St. Helens</i>	"	13	Palajo	Baram
4	<i>J.B. Aug. Kessler</i>	Dutch	2999	Duinker	Hongkong
6	<i>Marudu</i>	Brit.	982	R. J. Work	Singapore
6	<i>Conus</i>	"	3428	Williams	Tarakan
8	<i>Darvel</i>	"	140	A. Richardson	Labuan
8	<i>Utrecht</i>	Dutch	709	Zeylamaker	Singapore
8	<i>Burong</i>	Sar.	118	Brahim	Labuan
10	<i>Gladya</i>	"	173	Deli	Kuching
11	<i>Buah</i>	"	16	Syed	Belait
12	<i>Peter</i>	"	27	Sapar	Do.
13	<i>Kajang</i>	Brit.	1275	T.H. Findlay	Singapore
13	<i>Cassia</i>	"	2896	Underwood	Hongkong
15	<i>Deli</i>	"	729	F. Strachan	Labuan
16	<i>Irene</i>	Sar.	10	Sarip	S. and Niah
16	<i>Juno</i>	Dutch	1385	J. C. Anker	Jesselton
16	<i>Alice Lorraine</i>	Sar.	140	Seman	Kuching
17	<i>Punai</i>	"	48	Dollah	Belait
17	<i>Auby</i>	"	319	McPhail	Kuching
17	<i>Peter</i>	"	27	Sapar	Bakong
17	<i>Min</i>	Brit.	367	Lloyd	Singapore
18	<i>Nerite</i>	Dutch	1292	Tymons	Do.
18	<i>Melur</i>	Sar.	32	Saibi	Belait
18	<i>Ermland</i>	Ger.	3829	Echhorn	Singapore
18	<i>Haveland</i>	"	3823	Rasau	Jesselton
19	<i>St. Helens</i>	Sar.	13	Palajo	Belait
19	<i>Usedom</i>	Dutch	931	Leberg	Kobe
20	<i>Darvel</i>	Brit.	1002	A. Richardson	Singapore
20	<i>Buah</i>	Sar.	173	Deli	Kuching
20	<i>Burong</i>	"	118	Brahim	Bakong
20	<i>Kepong</i>	Brit.	1322	Welburn	Singapore
20	<i>Konigsberg</i>	Ger.	3978		Sweetenham
21	<i>Adolf Von Baeyer</i>	"	3420	R. Wghepeld	Belait
22	<i>Buah</i>	Sar.	16	Syed	Belait
22	<i>Marudu</i>	Brit.	982	R. J. Work	Labuan
22	<i>Phorus</i>	"	2753	Howe	Singapore
22	<i>City Of Stockholm</i>	"	3154	D. D. Lloyd	Manila
24	<i>Alice Lorraine</i>	Sar.	319	McPhail	Limbang
24	<i>Silver Shell</i>	"	140	Seman	Do.
25	<i>Silver Shell</i>	African	2430	Crowin	Singapore
25	<i>Gladya</i>	Sar.	173	Deli	K. Baram
25	<i>Anatina</i>	Brit.	3150	Harding	Hongkong
27	<i>Irene</i>	Sar.	10	Sarip	Baram
28	<i>Deli</i>	Brit.	726	F. Strachan	Baram
29	<i>Kajang</i>	"	1275	T.H. Findlay	Labuan
29	<i>Peter</i>	Sar.	27	Sapar	Belait
30	<i>Punai</i>	"	48	Dollah	Belait
30	<i>Helen</i>	"	4	Amit	K. Sibuti
31	<i>Buah</i>	"	16	Syed	Belait
31	<i>Irene</i>	"	10	Sarip	Baram

Departures.

Jan.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CAPTAIN OR NAKHODA.	FOR.
1	<i>Kajang</i>	Brit.	1275	T.H. Findlay	Singapore
1	<i>Auby</i>	Sar.	319	McPhail	Kuching
4	<i>Alice Lorraine</i>	"	140	Seman	Do.
4	<i>Burong</i>	"	118	Brahim	Labuan
4	<i>Vogtland</i>	Ger.	4260	Bueh	Singapore
4	<i>Punai</i>	"	3840		Do.
8	<i>Darvel</i>	Sar.	48	Dollah	Belait
8	<i>Peter</i>	"	27	Sapar	Do.
8	<i>Darvel</i>	Brit.	1002	A. Richardson	Singapore
8	<i>Marudu</i>	"	982	R. J. Work	Labuan
9	<i>Buah</i>	Sar.	16	Syed	Belait
9	<i>J.B. Aug. Kessler</i>	Dutch	2999	Duinker	Suez
9	<i>Utrecht</i>	"	709	Zeylamaker	Saigon
13	<i>Melur</i>	Sar.	32	Saibi	Belait
13	<i>Peter</i>	"	27	Sapar	Bakong
13	<i>Kajang</i>	Brit.	1275	T.H. Findlay	Labuan
14	<i>Gladya</i>	Sar.	173	Deli	Kuching
14	<i>Irene</i>	"	10	Sarip	S. and Niah
14	<i>Conus</i>	Brit.	3428	Williams	Tukoyama
15	<i>Deli</i>	"	729	F. Strachan	Singapore
15	<i>Cassia</i>	"	2896	Underwood	Do.
16	<i>St. Helens</i>	Sar.	13	Palajo	Tutong
16	<i>Burong</i>	"	118	Brahim	Bakong
17	<i>Alice Lorraine</i>	"	140	Seman	Limbang
18	<i>Buah</i>	"	316	McPhail	Do.
18	<i>Haveland</i>	Ger.	3829	Rasau	Singapore
18	<i>Ermland</i>	"	3823	Echhorn	Manila
19	<i>Punai</i>	Sar.	48	Dollah	Bintulu
19	<i>Juno</i>	Dutch	1385	J. C. Anker	Haiphong
20	<i>Nerite</i>	"	1292	Tymons	S. Papan
20	<i>Buah</i>	Sar.	16	Syed	Belait
20	<i>Darvel</i>	Brit.	1002	A. Richardson	Labuan
20	<i>Peter</i>	Sar.	27	Sapar	Belait
20	<i>Konigsberg</i>	Ger.	3978		Manila
22	<i>Adolf Von Baeyer</i>	"	3420	R. Wghepeld	Singapore
22	<i>Usedom</i>	Dutch	931	Leberg	Do.
22	<i>Marudu</i>	Brit.	982	R. J. Work	Do.
22	<i>Min</i>	"	367	Lloyd	Do.
23	<i>Phorus</i>	"	2753	Howe	Bombay
23	<i>City Of Stockholm</i>	"	3154	D. D. Lloyd	Singapore
24	<i>Auby</i>	Sar.	173	Deli	Baram
24	<i>Alice Lorraine</i>	"	319	McPhail	Kuching
24	<i>Irene</i>	"	140	Seman	Do.
24	<i>Anatina</i>	"	10	Sarip	Baram
27	<i>Gladya</i>	"	173	Deli	Kuching
28	<i>Deli</i>	Brit.	726	F. Strachan	Labuan
29	<i>Irene</i>	Sar.	10	Sarip	Baram
29	<i>Kajang</i>	Brit.	1275	T.H. Findlay	Singapore
29	<i>Melur</i>	Sar.	32	Saibi	Belait
29	<i>Buah</i>	"	16	Syed	Do.
30	<i>Helen</i>	"	4	Amit	K. S. & Niah
31	<i>Anatina</i>	Brit.	3150	Harding	Aomori

METEOROLOGICAL RETURNS.

GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Kuching, 31st January, 1926.

DATE.	BARO-METER.	THERMOMETER IN SHADE.					SOLAR MAXI-MUM.	Museum Rainfall in 24 hours.	
		Dry Bulb.			Wet Bulb at 8 A.M.	Maximum prev. 24 hrs.			Minimum prev. 24 hrs.
		At 8 A.M.	8 A.M.	Noon.						8 P.M.
1	30-10 inch.	77	85	74	76	87	72	103	1-62
2	30-10 "	76	85	87	75	92	71	111	-71
3	30-05 "	77	84	77	76	92	71	111-05	2-83
4	30-05 "	76	84	77	75	89	71	111	-99
5	30-00 "	77	78	75	76	82	72	111	1-00
6	30-10 "	77	82	74	76	80	71	111	1-55
7	30-05 "	78	84	75	74	83	69	111	-07
8	30-10 "	77	86	73	76	84	69	111	...
9	30-10 "	77	77	75	75	87	69	111	2-01
10	30-05 "	76	88	78	75	84	71	111	-47
11	30-05 "	76	89	76	75	89	69	111	...
12	30-05 "	76	92	77	75	90	69	111	-15
13	30-05 "	79	89-5	74	77	91	69	111	...
14	30-10 "	74	89-5	78	73	90	69	111	-29
15	30-05 "	78	86	79	77	91	71	107	...
16	30-05 "	75	77	76	75	91	71	107	2-16
17	30-05 "	78	93-5	80	77	82	70	108	-52
18	30-05 "	78	89	80	77	91	70	107	...
19	30-05 "	77-5	80	79	77	90	72	104	-86
20	30-05 "	75	79-5	76	75	88	71	109	-13
21	30-10 "	76	83	74	76	85	70	98	2-78
22	30-05 "	75	85	77	74	88	70	107	1-37
23	30-00 "	76	84	77	75	86	71	106	1-80
24	30-10 "	76	89	76	75	83	69	97	2-68
25	30-05 "	75	88	78	74	89	69	107	8-48
26	30-05 "	73	79	78	78	89	69	108	-32
27	30-05 "	76	79	76	76	86	70	108	-41
28	30-05 "	74	78-5	75	74	82	71	96	1-56
29	30-10 "	75	82	77	76	81	71	97	-71
30	30-10 "	74	81	77	75	82	71	96	-74

Highest Barometer reading 30-10 inches.

Lowest " " 30-00 "

Highest temperature (in shade) 93-5 degrees.

Lowest " " 77 "

Greatest rainfall in 24 hours 8-48 inches.

Total rainfall (Museum) 36-27 "

Height of Hospital above sea level approximately 75 ft.