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PLANTING IN SELANGOR.

There is an interesting appendix to the Selangor Report for 1890, dealing with the past prospects and present conditions of certain concessions of agricultural land. The particulars of Title, Area, and Lessees are given in extracts from previous administration reports, and notes on the present condition of the land. The latter are "indented" in our extract.

Tunku Dia Udin, 2,000 acres.—1883, *para.* 55.—"It is especially gratifying to be able to report that His Highness Tunku Dia Udin, formerly Viceroy of Selangor, has recently taken up at Klang 3,000 acres of land for planting purposes, and proposes to erect there a suitable residence for himself and his wife, the daughter of the Sultan."

The Senior District Officer (Mr. Turney) reports:—"Beyond inducing a few people to occupy some old abandoned fruit plantations scattered through the block, nothing has been done towards developing it"

Datoh Dagang, 700 acres.—1886, *para.* 25.—"At Klang the Datoh Dagang has planted nearly 600 acres of land with areca-nuts and swamp-padi, cultivating his plantation by means of Javanese labour—an experiment which has proved in every way satisfactory—and planting generally has made good progress throughout this district."

1888, *para.* 19 —"It is interesting to record that 200 *pikuls* of indigo were manufactured as the result of an experiment by our most enterprising Malay planter, the Datoh Dagang of Klang."

The Senior District Officer reports:—"These blocks are fully cultivated and occupied. From them there were exported to the Straits Settlements, in 1890—

Areca-nuts to the value of	\$1,685
Bananas	\$1,740

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POLICE COURT.

POLICE COURT. The "Tong Beng" Secret Society. The investigation in this case proceeded to-day

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL NOTES.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL NOTES. (By the Mail). The British Deli and Langkat Tobacco Company notify

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1891.

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1891. A Chinese corpse was washed up on the Tanjong Katong beach yesterday

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The cultivation of indigo has been relinquished.

Mr. Stephenson. 232 acres. 1883, *para.* 54.—
“Mr. Stephen, of Singapore, is opening a pepper plantation of 200 acres at Klang, and if this undertaking proves successful the cultivation of pepper will probably be largely extended throughout Selangor.”

1885, *para.* 18.—“The appearance of Mr. Stephenson's pepper plantation at Klang gives every prospect of complete success.”

1886, *para.* 20.—Mr. Stephenson's pepper plantation at Klang, where the pepper-vines are now in full bearing.”

1887, *para.* 20.—“The first small export of pepper from Mr. Stephenson's estate was made during the year, and realised an exceptionally high price.”

1889, *para.* 139.—“In the Klang District the Messrs. Stephenson have a pepper estate, ‘Beverlac,’ which promises well.”

About 57 acres are under cultivation. A loan from the State Treasury has been granted to the proprietors. 240 *pikuls* of pepper, value \$4,800, were exported in 1890.

Mr. Syed Zin, now Lim Swee Keng and Chee Siew, 9,000 acres.—1883 *para.* 54.—“Mr. Syed Zin, formerly a valued officer of the Selangor Government, has returned to the State and is opening at Klang a block of 6,000 acres of land for rice and sago planting.”

1886, *para.* 20.—“Mr. Syed Zin is planting both pepper and gambier at Klang.”

About 350 acres were cleared and planted up with sago and padi. In 1889 the land was sold to meet a loan from Government and was purchased by Chinese (Lim Swee Keng and Ong Chee Siew) for \$6,000. “The block,” the Senior District Officer says, “now represents a patch of secondary jungle with sago palms struggling for life in it.”

J. G. Davidson, now L. C. Treweeke and H. Melbye, 515 acres.

Sold in 1889 to meet arrears of quit-rent due to Government. Bought by Messrs. Treweeke and Melbye, and now called “Tremelbye Estate.” Seventy-five acres are planted with coffee and pepper.

Captain Christiansen and Mr. Barugh, now Straits Pepper Co., 662 acres.—1886, *para.* 20.—“Pepper has been successfully planted by Captain Christiansen and Mr. Barugh at Batu tiga.”

(a) Now known as “Glen Marie Estate.” About eighty acres have been planted with coffee and pepper.

(b) Now known as “Ebor Estate.” Twenty-five acres of pepper planted and promising well.

Messrs. Sword and Muhlinghaus, 5,000 ac.

Nothing has been done, and it is the opinion of the Selangor District Officer that the acquisition of this land in the Klang District has been a mere land-speculation in view of an expected rise in the value of land on the open-

ing of the Klang Railway. The land itself is believed to be excellently adapted for the cultivation of tobacco. Mr. Turney says:— "The excuse for the non-development of the block in the first year (1887) was that the season was bad for felling; the plea in the second year (1888) was, I think, that a large and unexpected demand had been made on their capital for the development of their smelting-works, etc. In 1889 they were silent." Payment of premium is due in January, 1892.

Messrs. Hill and Rathborne, 13,390 acres, 1884, *para. 41.*—"A plantation of Liberian coffee, cocoa and tea, opened in 1882 by Messrs. Hill and Rathborne, on Weld's Hill, near to Kwala Lumpur, is now coming into bearing and there is every prospect of its success."

1885, *para. 18.*—"The Liberian coffee plantations of Messrs. H. and R., at Weld's Hill and Ulu Batu, the former of which is now in bearing, are both looking extremely well."

1886, *para. 20.*—"Pepper has been successfully planted by Messrs. H. and R. at Weld's Hill."

1886, *para. 21.*—"A small tobacco plantation has been opened by Messrs. H. and R. near the Caves at Batu, under the supervision of Mr. Toynbee." ... "Although planted somewhat late in the year, the crop produced proved so satisfactory, both in quantity and quality, that several grants of land have been applied for, in the Klang District, on behalf of European planters."

1887, *para. 13.*—"The Weld's Hill Estate of Messrs. H. and R. looks specially flourishing and is now, I believe, a financial success. Pepper and tea have both been introduced with great success. There are now 40,000 pepper vines planted out and thriving exceedingly, while very good tea has been grown and manufactured."

1889, *para. 138.*—"Messrs. H. and R. have demonstrated at their estate, Weld's Hill, the capacity of the State as a coffee-growing country. Their crop (Liberian coffee) in 1889 averaged 9 cwt. to the acre. Pepper on the same estate has been fairly successful."

Batu Caves.—A sum of \$4,000 is payable as premium in 1893. A very small portion, less than one-thirtieth, of the total area leased has been brought under cultivation and the resumption of some of this land by Government is under consideration.

Weld's Hill.—Coffee and pepper doing well.

Klang.—Nothing done or likely to be done in the direction of tobacco planting, the industry for which this land was leased. The Senior District Officer says:—"Judging from meagre percentage of development of the large blocks of land already taken up by Messrs. H. and R. I have no reason to hope they will make any special effort to cultivate the land taken up in Klang."

Pahang Road.—One of the blocks has been resumed by Government in consequence of

non-fulfilment of conditions as regards cultivation. Notice of resumption has been served in the respect of the other two.

Gumong Bede:—Cultivation abandoned and the lease surrendered. The Government at great expense made a bridle-path to this locality, Messrs. H. and R. being the contractors.

Mr. Bailey, 2,080 acres.—1886, *para.* 20.—“ Mr. Bailey also has acquired a large block of land for planting pepper at Pataling.”

Nothing done. The reason alleged for non-cultivation is scarcity or dearness of Tamil labour. Under the Land Regulations the whole of the land is forfeitable if three-fourths remain uncultivated for five consecutive years.



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