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Presiding at the eighth annual general meeting of the Sungei Ramal Syndicate, Ltd., at Kuala Lumpur yesterday afternoon Mr. R. C. M. Kindersley, the chairman, in dealing with the rubber situation said that it was in the power of the two greatest rubber producing countries to work in cooperation and restrict their export of rubber in such a proportion as would place the rubber planting industry in a prosperous condition with scarcely any inconvenience. He thought it was probable that action was being delayed owing to a complete misunderstanding of the position here, and it was said that there was a strong feeling in some quarters of the Netherlands Indies that this country will go under and our estates go out. This was utter nonsense as anyone travelling through the Malay States to-day could see that the estates were in excellent order and there was not the smallest prospect of the diminution of the rubber producing area in this country. Individuals may be ruined both here and in the Netherlands Indies and estates may become bankrupt, but the trees will remain. There was also a mistaken idea that rubber estates in the Netherlands Indies could produce more cheaply. A dividend of five per cent. was declared.

