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KUALA LUMPUR, 26th Jan.—The roads in the Kajang district are all that can be desired in spite of months of heavy rains.



Mr. Moullin and Mr. Charter, who is at present in charge of the Ulu Langat district during the former's absence in Kuala Kubu are to be congratulated on being able to show some of the best road-making work in the State.

The road between Serendah and Kuala Kubu is badly in need of attention, and my advice to cyclists who intend touring Ulu Selangor district is to do the section mentioned on Shanks' pony or by train.



The members of the Selangor Volunteer Fire Brigade have elected Mr. Bellamy, who was Chief Officer for over 20 years, Honorary Chief Officer—that gentleman having expressed his intention of looking after the interests of the Brigade in England.

Mr. Bellamy, according to latest advices, will not return to the East, Dr. Manson having forbidden him to do so. He will settle down quietly as a Civil Engineer or something like that. One of his sons is to be placed with Messrs Merryweather & Sons of Fire Engine fame.

Whilst on matters Fire Brigade it is interesting to note that four more members of the Brigade are eligible for the long service medal given by the National Union Fire Brigade to members after 10 years' service. Messrs. Brown, Rae, Charter and Buchanan are the four members mentioned.

The Motor Fire Engine was put through a series of tests a short time ago in order to ascertain the length of hose it was possible to use and at the same time keep a good stream of water running. A line of hose was laid



from Gombak Bridge along Romana Road to the bridge at Market Street, altogether a distance of 900 ft., and a good working stream obtained. Should a serious fire break out, given a good pressure of water, the Brigade should make short work of it.

The Debating Society under the presidency of Dr. Gnoh Lean Tuck bids fair to become very popular. At the next meeting Dr. Lim Boon Keng of Singapore is to speak on "Measures proposed for the advancement of the Chinese" which should prove very interesting, there being none in the Straits better qualified to speak on the subject than the worthy Doctor.



KUALA LUMPUR, 27th Jan.—The Railway Department has adopted what is known as the "single-needle" system of telegraphy on their Kuala Lumpur-Port Swettenham section.

The new system works satisfactorily, but the operators say it is very slow and should an emergency arise and fast working be required it will be impossible under the new system.

The indefatigable secretary of the newly-formed F. M. S. Automobile Club has had a large bookcase containing all the latest publications on motors and motoring placed near the door of the card-room at the Selangor Club. Mr. Zacharias is also doing his best to get the Club's first run fixed for an early date.



Scores of Selangor Tamils are leaving by steamers daily for the Taipusum festival at the beginning of next month at Penang Waterfalls. They go to perform vows made during sickness and adversity.

Two of our local cyclists tackled the trip to Seremban and back on Sunday last. Leaving Kuala Lumpur at 6-15 a.m. they reached Kajang at 7-30 a.m. After breakfasting they took the road again at 8-15 arriving at Seremban at 11-40. The roads between Beranang and Mantin, at the foot of the pass, were very uneven, consequently progress was slow. The return journey to Kajang occupied exactly 3 hours 10 minutes, the cyclists arriving there at 4-20. They then returned to the capital via Sungei Chow and Sungei Besi and put on the best time for the trip, the last twenty miles being reeled off in one hour and a quarter.

The day's run showed by cyclometer a fraction under 95 miles, which I think is a bit of a record for the States.