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HIGH-GRADE MATERIAL USED.

MR. E. B. Skinner, chairman, presided at the annual general meeting of Kuala Lumpur Rubber Company in London on Dec. 14. Dealing with the question of replanting, he said:—

As regards replanting, although I dealt with the matter rather fully last year I want to say more on the subject. This company possesses some of the oldest rubber in Malaya. Parts of Kent Estate were planted up with rubber, through the coffee, in 1897 (forty years ago), and further areas were planted during the years 1898, 1899 and 1900, and subsequently. Some of the rubber on Wardieburn Estate was planted in 1899 and 1900, so here again we have areas over thirty-five years old.

In the early days tapping was much more drastic than it is now and the old areas were originally tapped daily on the double herring-bone system with as many as nine cuts. As years went on the tapping system was modified until it was brought down in July, 1928, to a V-cut on the A.B.C. system.

It speaks well for the vigour of the rubber trees that they stood up to such intensive systems of tapping and the fact that these areas are still yielding from 350 to 400 lb. per acre on the A.B.C. system also shows the effect of improved cultivation by the aid of selected indigenous covers.

Yielding Capacity.

It is commonly known that the average yields of budded rubber from clones used up till recently is about 900 to 1,200 lb. per acre, as against the average yield of good seedling rubber from 500 to 600 lb. per acre.

Further, the clones now being used for planting are capable of giving up to 2,000 pounds per acre. It is obvious, therefore that the policy to pursue is to have a progressive programme of replanting so that year by year we gradually replace our old areas with rubber capable of giving yields three

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to four times that of seedling rubber. It must be remembered that on all rubber estates there is a steady wastage of trees which suffer from disease, pest or storm, and as years go by the stand per acre becomes too low to obtain commercial results.

Some people maintain that by manuring old rubber the yield can be improved, and that, therefore, there is no need to replant, but to obtain commercial result from manuring it is essential that the stand of trees per acre should be adequate and the age of the trees not too great.

Area Replanted.

We have the estates visited and reported on by the Rubber Research Institute, and they strongly favour replanting the older areas in preference to trying to improve or maintain the yield by manuring.

Up to the end of 1937 880½ acres will have been replanted as follows:—

1931	..	55 acres
1932	..	50 "
1933	..	50 "
1934	..	23½ "
1935	..	52½ "
1936	..	174½ "
1937	..	475 "

880½ "

A further 573 acres have been authorised for replanting in 1938 which, if completed, will bring the total replanted at the end of 1938 up to 1,453½ acres.

You will thus realise that substantial progress has been made in replacing the oldest rubber with high yielding material. With the exception of about 10 per cent. being planted with clonal seeds, the remainder is being planted with budded rubber.

Including the replanting programme and all other budded areas, the total area planted with budded rubber or illegitimate clonal seed will amount to some 2,818 acres, out of a total area under rubber for the company of 8,587 acres, or about 32 per cent.; in addition to this our investment in Sungei Chermang is equivalent to the ownership of a further 259 acres.

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