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# SUNGEI RAMAL

T would appear that the rubber industry is regarded as the "dollar cow," according to the chairman of Sungel Ramal Syndicate, Mr. E. G. Leyne.

"So long as we produce subber to gain dollars," he told the annual meeting in Kuala Lumpur, "we are encouraged to do so regardless of any private interest on capital invested.

"We have continued to produce rubber under the most adverse cir-cumstances and we in common with most estates in the country are under considerable obligation to our manager and the labour force."

Without any near prospect of payment of justifiable claims for compensation, he said, it was most difficult to budget or pian for the future of the company.

The chairman explained that owing to the failure in the American market of demand for latex the syndicate had had to revert to the manufacture of smoked sheet in February.

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That had entailed expenditure on repairs. Manufacture was going on as satisfactorily as could be expected in the circumstances, but there might be need for further expenditure.

The directors' report showed expenditure during the year amounting to \$1,309; the profit for 1948 was \$31,845, to which was added \$5,897, being the amount carried forward from 1947 after deducting staff commissions, bonus, directors' fees and a contribution to the planters' benevolent fund. There was also to be added \$2,150, being over-provision for pre-war creditors' account. This made a total at credit of profit and loss account of \$39,892.

O' this, \$10,497 was transferred to general reserve and \$29,395 was carried forward subject to directors' fees.

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