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The Cheras water supply, declared open by His Highness the Sultan yesterday, carries forward to an advanced stage Federal and State plans to satisfy long-felt needs. Kajang town may be expected to tap most from this new source, but it is the surrounding rural areas and a number of "new villages" that will derive especial benefit. Cheras, Serdang Bharu, Belakong, Sungei Chua and Sungei Ramal among others have had to endure for years acute water shortages. As the Mentri Besar recollected yesterday, the previous installations were built in the years of the Emergency and were necessarily of a makeshift nature. The quality of the supply itself was "a source of constant worry to the Government," which is another way of saying that the water was pretty bad. This period is now over.

Elsewhere in Selangor much else has been done to improve supplies or pipe them to areas that have gone without. In the past year, the Kuala Selangor supply was extended to Bukit Bandong and Sungei Ijok, and later on to three other kampongs. The giant Klang scheme was also tapped for village areas. Kuala Langkat District's output has been doubled, and an extensive net-

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work of water mains laid to take supplies to outlying kampongs. Kuala Kubu Bharu and the F.L.D.A. settlement at Gadangsa in Ulu Selangor, the rural areas around Ulu Gombak in Kuala Lumpur district—here too the expanding network may be seen. Altogether in 1962 alone more than 40,000 people in the kampongs were enjoying piped water for the first time. It is a record of work in which both Federal and State governments can take just pride.

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