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WE understand that His Highness the Rajah proposes to visit the Fifth Division towards the end of April and intends to return with Outstation visitors, in time for such competitions as have been arranged for them during Race Week, probably on the 27th or 28th.

His Highness the Tuan Muda is expected to arrive in Kuching on the 28th or 29th of April per s.s. *Kuching*.

WE learn that Owen Rutter's new novel *Sepia*, the setting of which is Borneo, was published by Fisher Unwin on 27th January. A second printing was called for before publication and the book is being published separately in U.S.A. The theme of the book is a delicate one and it is likely to give rise to some difference of opinion. We are told that one important Glasgow bookseller says the book "isn't fit to stock" and that another Glasgow bookseller (equally important) says that it is "really well done" and has increased his order.

8.2 inches of rain were registered at Matang Reservoir during the 24 hours of 28th February.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1926.

NOTES.

March.

H. H. the Rajah and Dayang Leonora left Kuching on the 16th per H.H.M.Y. *Maimuna* to visit Bintulu, Mukah and Oya districts. His Highness again left on the 25th for Kalaka and Lower Saribas, returning on the 30th.

MAJOR S. Cunyngame, Commandant, Sarawak Rangers, accompanied by Mrs. Cunyngame and children, left Kuching for home furlough on the 1st March in order to connect with the P. & O. *Mantua*.

Mr. G. W. Aldridge who recently resigned the Service left by the same boat.

Mrs. F. H. Kortright, wife of the D.O., Upper Sarawak, also proceeded home on leave, and will be joined by her husband in a few months' time.

THERE was a large gathering of Europeans and others at the residence of the Datu Imaum Tua at Hadji Taha Road on the evening of Sunday the 7th instant, invited to witness the marriage of his granddaughter to Haji Drahman bin Haji Kassim.

MR. J. S. W. Bean, Superintendent of Government Stores, accompanied by Mrs. Bean, left for 7 months' furlough on the 10th instant per s.s. *Kuching*.

THE Revd. Father A. Mulder also sailed for Europe for a well-earned spell of leave after a continuous period of 11 years in Sarawak, mostly in Mukah district.

THE Revd. F. S. Hollis of Quop returned from Home leave on the 7th March, and is at present staying with the Right Revd. the Bishop of Labuan and Sarawak.

DR. J. L. Farquharson, Chief Assistant Medical Officer, left Kuching on the 24th on a visit of inspection to Miri, Baram, Limbang and Labuan outstations.

MR. H. B. Crocker, Resident Third Division, visited Kuching from Sibü on the 6th per s.s. *Gladys*. There also arrived by the same boat Mr. C. D. Adams, D.O. Baram, who has taken up the duties of Acting Superintendent of Police, and Prisons; and Mr. C. S. Griffiths, Third Divisional Land Officer, who is assuming the duties of Acting Superintendent of Government Stores.

SIEW SOO HA (f) indignantly refused the offer of a lift to the hospital by a local car owner, after having been accidentally knocked down and run over by him. The only thing that seemed to worry her was the fact that she had lost one of her gold hair pins, fortunately picked up later by a police constable!!

MR. J. P. Mead, Conservator of Forests, returned with Mrs. Mead by the *Kuching* on the 7th from a visit to a Forest Conference held at Kuala Lumpur 21st to 28th February.

MR. N. A. Middlemas, Superintendent of Surveys, returned by the *Rajah of Sarawak* on the 17th after a visit to Sibü.

MR. F. G. Carpenter, Acting D.O., returned to Kuching with Mrs. Carpenter by s.s. *Auby* on the 14th after a short convalescent trip up the Coast.

MR. H. D. Aplin, Divisional Officer, First Division, left Kuching with Mrs. Aplin on the 27th on six weeks' short leave, having been indisposed with an attack of influenza recently.

MR. C. E. A. Ermen arrived from Miri on the 22nd, and assumed the duties of Acting Divisional Officer, First Division.

MR. A. L. Honoré arrived per s.s. *Sulong* on the 4th and has since been temporarily appointed to the Government Monopolies Department.

THE Race Course was opened for training on the 15th.

Although it was still fairly dark at 6 a.m., standard time having now been adopted, there were several ponies out and the worms got a scare!

A large number of spectators watched the final of the Elphinstone's Cup at Jesselton on the 18th when P. W. Bidmead, playing for the Jesselton Club, beat Dr. Josselyn, playing for Beaufort, on the 19th green.

The game was a strenuous contest. Josselyn was two up at the 5th, Bidmead one up at the 9th. Josselyn dormy one all square on the 18th with a nine foot putt; Bidmead just winning on the 19th.

SCOTLAND beat England by seventeen points to nine at Rugby on the 20th at Twickenham.

WE hear that a suitable light is to be erected at the mouth of the Balingian River.

MR. G. C. Turner has been transferred to P. W. Department from the Survey Department.

MR. LAWRENCE CURREY of the S. P. G. Mission, Kuching, has been medically advised to return to Europe for an indefinite period on account of his health, and he left Singapore for Home the end of last month.

THE Superintendent of Police, Mr. O. Lang, left for seven months' Home furlough by the s.s. *Kuching* on the 21st.

MR. and Mrs. C. G. Bois returned to Singapore per s.s. *Kuching* on the 21st after a short stay in Sarawak.

MR. Bois, inter alia, is Director of the Dahan Rubber Estates, Ltd., and has been paying a visit of inspection to the properties at Dahan and Puak. He is a nephew of the eminent Rubber Economist, Sir Stanley Bois.

"Three local Musketeers" had some good sport among the *punai* during six days ending the 20th, within a 3 mile radius of Kuching, and accounted for 61 brace, of which 18 brace were picked up.

BARAM was open to wireless communication, for the first time, on the 23rd.

WE understand that the question of installing an Electric Power Station in Sibü has again come to the fore; and that there is a possibility of an F.M.S. firm, who have shown an interest in such schemes, being asked to consider the proposition.

DRY rubber harvested at Sungei Tengah Estate during the month of February was approximately 78,000 lbs.

MRS. Clark, wife of Capt. W. T. Clark, returned to Kuching from Singapore on the 26th, looking very fit.

MAJOR-GENERAL Sir C. Herbert Powell, K.C.B., who paid a short visit to Kuching, left on the 28th per s.s. *Sulong* for Limbang and Labuan.

We understand that the General is a great traveller and his walking tours include trips from India through Central Asia to the Caspian Sea, and from the Ruby Mines at Mogok Burma, to the Silver and Lead Mines at Namtu, thence from Mergui across the Malay Peninsula via the Tenasserim River, a seven-day trek along the route linking up the Burma and Siam Railways.

Being part organizer of the Ulster Division in 1914, the General has a store of information and numerous anecdotes about the Irish situation just prior to the Great War.

CAMBRIDGE won the varsity Boat Race by 5 lengths.

GRAND National results: "Jack Horner," "Old Tay Bridge," "Brights boy."

"KING of Clubs" won the Lincoln at 100 to 1, beating Zionist, the favourite, by a head.

TENDERS have been asked for the construction of two squash racquet courts and a fives court which are intended to be added to the new small end of the amalgamated club premises in due course.

WITNESS (District Court, Texas):—"Now, I tell ye, jedge, it didn't amount to nuthin'. The first I knowed about it was when Bill Saunders called Tom Smith a liar, an' Tom knocked 'im down.

"One o' Bill's friends then cut Tom with a knife, slecin' a big chunk off 'im. Then Sam Jones, who was a friend o' Tom's, shot the other feller, and natural like, got shot up himself—and three or four others got cut up right smart by somebody.

"That caused some excitement, jedge, an' then they started fightin', but it didn't amount to nuthin' much!"

A. It only took me an hour or so to learn to drive my beetle.

B. You must have taken great pains over it?

A. Yes, and I've still got 'em,—but do you know I never realized profanity was so prevalent till I drove a car.

B. Why? Do you hear more of it on the road?

A. Well everyone I have knocked over so far has used dreadful language.

Overheard:—

Club Secretary: "Have you sorted those drink chits yet for last month?"

Clerk: "Yes, Sir, I have deciphered all except a few signed L. L. & S. *Are they for the Land and Survey Department?*"!!!

ACCORDING to the *Pinang Gazette* and *Straits Chronicle*:—"It was originally intended that H.M.S. *Concord* should call at Foo Chin, Sarawak, Singapore and then Colombo, on her way home, Penang not being included in the ports of call, but an outbreak of typhoid at Foo Chin prevented her touching there....."

[We are glad that it was not the outbreak of smallpox at Kuching which prevented her touching here!—Ed.]

M.L. "SANTOSA."

The Borneo Mission Association is appealing for an endowment fund of £2,000, to be invested in Sarawak, to produce an income large enough to secure the maintenance of the new mission launch *Santosa*. The launch has accommodation in which the Bishop can work when held up alongside Dyak villages; and saves at least two out of every three days that used to be spent in travelling. Mr. Currey, in reporting on the launch, says: "The launch has now done about 800 to 900 miles, and behaves very well. But it is quite possible that lack of funds for upkeep may prove the retention of this craft to be impossible." This is a disaster that only the efforts of B.M.A. can avert.—[C. E. & T.]

STRANGE MEETING.

An estate Manager from Palembang went on a business trip to Cheribon recently and hailed a taxi from the railway station. When the vehicle approached, the two men stood speechless for a while, as it transpired that the chauffeur was none other than the Manager's own servant who had disappeared three months ago with three hundred guilders.—[*Pinang Gazette & Straits Chronicle*.]

Death of H. E. the Governor of North Borneo.

WE learned with deep regret on the 16th of the sudden death of His Excellency A. C. Pearson, C.M.G., late Governor of British North Borneo.

In 1922 His Excellency retired from the post of Governor on the expiration of the term of his Governorship which is 6 years, but in his case was extended to 7 years, as a token of the Court of Directors' appreciation of the valuable services rendered during strenuous times.

His Excellency was again nominated for the Government Governorship in 1925 to succeed the late Major-General Sir William Rycroft, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., and we can only sincerely sympathise with His Excellency's relatives and with the Government of British North Borneo in their second sad loss.

His Highness the Rajah despatched the following telegram of condolence—

15/3/26.

To British North Borneo Co., London.

Deepest sympathy in great loss your Government has sustained by Pearson's death. His friendly relations with Sarawak much appreciated for many years. Rajah.

And received in reply the following telegram—

16/3/26.

Rajah, Kuching.—Court much appreciate your kind sympathy in the great loss which they sustained in the sudden death of Governor Pearson. President.

A WORD FOR JAWI.

Whether the Governments of the Straits and F.M.S. have not done more harm than good by their efforts to make the people of this country learn and use romanized Malay, instead of the Arabic script to which they have been accustomed for centuries, is a very moot question. In Kedah, we are glad to see, the authorities continue to make use of Jawi in their official proclamations and notices. It would be a great pity if, in order to make things easier for the European, the Arabic script, which has a great deal to recommend it besides its brevity and elegance, were gradually allowed to fall into disuse in the writing and printing of the Malay language.—[*Straits Echo*.]

Sibu Notes.

"Does the native improve?" I don't know. Your readers had better look up that acrimonious correspondence which the *Gazette* published some years ago when "Pro Bono Publico," "Fair Play," and "Native" gave vent to their innermost feelings. But what I do know is that the so-called benefits and luxuries of modern civilisation bring forth strange results.

The other day I was sitting in a Dyak house—a long house at that, not a *langko*. After talking about the price of rubber, when the seaplanes were coming, when a school would be built for their children, and the usual catechism, one of the men asked us to go into his room. We crept through a squeaky door—nearly stepped through the floor, and finally lowered ourselves onto a very grimy mat and expected to look round at the usual jumble-sale-like contents of the room. It is true that there were the inevitable row of jars tied up against one of the walls, shelves of garish-looking plates and brassware, odds and ends of hunting and fishing tackle and the hundred and one articles—mostly covered in dust and cobwebs—which usually find their way into a Dyak room. But there were other things too. Firstly a brand new dressing table, complete with looking-glass and drawers—varnished that particularly obnoxious shade of yellow stain; item, a marble-topped table on which stood a tin of Double Ace Cigarettes; item, a large horn gramophone with a box of records nearby, and last but not least, a bicycle!! Goodness only knows what for, as the last quarter of a mile to the house was over extremely old and rotten logs across a swamp. Anyway we sat down and smoked a cigarette each while some one turned on the gramophone. The record was called "Chuckles" by Billy or Willy Somebody or other—I forget the name. You know the sort of thing—the singer shrieks a few inaudible words and the rest of the song is a chorus of chuckles or guffaws or whatever kind of noise that particular comedian fancies. I looked round on the faces of the Dyaks—a proud grin spread across that of the gramophone's owner and the children took up the cue. When this was finished one of the small boys called out shyly for *main ben*, and father promptly picked a record out of a whole heap. This proved to be one of these things called a pot-pourri I think, and was concerned with Scotch (or is it Scots?) airs. Cock O'the North—The Campbells Are Coming—She is My Daisy—Bonnie Dundee—and ending up with what we took to be a skirl on the pipes. I saw that we were in for a regular recital so made my excuses and went outside to the *rmai* again. There were assembled a lot of old women and small children (and to be perfectly candid some rather good-looking girls too). We started talking on the usual subjects and somehow or other got onto childish complaints. "Yes," said one of the old ladies in Malay, "I always think castor oil is a good medicine, but (in English) have you ever used dill water?" Well! well! what could one say—I seem to remember hearing that reliable specific was used in my own case when an infant, but the babies I have ever had anything to do with seem to have avoided the necessity of calling for it. Anyway I continued the subject and we conversed on the merits of Mellin's Food and Glaxo—what was good for thrush—did I not think—well I won't say any more, the subject began to get too domestic. We switched off onto the little boys, one of whom told me that he was the possessor of a reading book. I told him to go and get it, which, when it arrived, proved to be an elementary English Reader. I asked if any of them could read, on which the book was cast aside and the whole lot chanted the first three

chapters—vocabulary and all!! My friend, being of a musical turn of mind, then sang that well-known classic "I'm an Airman" to them and five minutes later the lot were singing the chorus. Shortly afterwards we gingerly worried our way down the notched ladder and started across those slippery logs.

"Does the native improve?" I say again, I don't know. But I do wish he would make a decent ladder and at anyrate square off some of the notches on those slippery logs, as well as buy "Chuckles" and indulge in dill water.

They say that the native seldom indulges in repartee with his so-called elders and betters. It is just possible that many repartees do not reach our ears, or if they do are not understood. A pert young damsel was sned in the local petty-debts Court by a Chinese hawker for the price of various articles alleged to have been supplied to her. The plaintiff produced his books which were promptly passed to the European Magistrate for inspection. These were passed back again with the usual knowing look and the Chinaman asked to read out the items. Out they came—tomacco sek one put—blachu two *depa*—cash one dollar, and so on. By this time it was quite evident to everybody else in the Court House, in fact it was common knowledge beforehand, that the whole of the list was merely an account which the careful celestial had kept of his gifts to the said damsel for having honoured him with her company. The zealous European Magistrate, however, steadily wrote it all down until it came to one silk sarong. Ha! thought the Magistrate waking up from his partial slumber, I must say something now—"My good girl, did you take this silk sarong?" "Yes," answers the girl brightly. "And why?" says the wretched Magistrate. "Oh, think for yourself!" responds the girl. Collapse of all—stifled laughter—judgment for—no! you're wrong—judgment for defendant.

Most of us receive queerly addressed letters from time to time—and especially ones sent to us by those who do not use the English language habitually. During the last few months the fame of the Sarawak Government seems to have penetrated even to the wilds of far Foochow. Indeed its fame would seem to be growing apace. The first letter was addressed "The Governor of Sibü," a nice sounding title. The next was to "The President of Sibü." A title not difficult to understand when so many of the Chinese must find it bewildering to know who is entitled to be called such at the precise time of writing, or even how many Presidents there are. But the third and last letter was simply and grandly addressed to "The King of Sibü"!! Hurrah for the royalists and bad cess to the roundheads. At the same time we are rather apprehensive of a fourth effort as there would appear to be no alternative.

THE OPTIMISTIC FIDDLER.

Things we want to know:—

Who hid all those unopened bundles of "La Vie Parisienne" on top of the almeirah?

From an Indian Catalogue:—

"Gents self-cutting hair clipper," in nickle silver body. With the aid of this cliper one can cut his hair from the smallest size to any biggest size as desiring, and absolutely free from getting dranger of stroke or wound. Special quality Rs. 4.15 each.

Half hour striking with calendar Rs. 40 each. "Milk Tastor." By aid of this meter you can examine without any calculation or trouble, whether the milk is pure or mixed with milk, you can easily measure the extant of water only placing it in the milk. As. 15 each.

Marine Motor Craft.

There is a noticeable increase in the number of new motor craft on the Kuching River now, some of which have extremely pretty lines. They vary considerably in design and size, from the ordinary small launch and somewhat larger *Santubong* bandong to the full-sized schooner fitted with internal combustion engines. The former can now be seen daily pouring out their cosmopolitan load of passengers from the many villages up and down river, especially the Bau district; the larger craft, which not only continue to handle the raw sago transport from port to the Coast Division, include a few smart looking passenger vessels which have greatly improved coastal communication.

No doubt the full rigged schooner, so well-known along this Coast, will soon be a thing of the past.

Last Attack by Pirates.

12th April, 1869.

Where once the daring pirates used to roam,
And fear and trembling spread around the coast,
Now peaceful trader breaks the summer foam.
Sometimes one seems to see the Ghost
Of well-rigged boat (and hear the moan
Of Captives caught and lashed to post),
Of decks, that, washed with blood and sea,
Were scenes of many a fierce fought fight.
That memory which makes you think you played
a part
Will stay your sleeping, tired though you be.
Is it the Guns of Flanders, that you heard,
Or of Gallipoli, that wake you with a start?

(Contributed.)

Extracts from Yearly Reports.

Kuching Police.—Two hundred and forty-three crocodiles, measuring 942 feet 7 inches, were destroyed at the Police Station; rewards paid for these amounting to \$340.80

The capture and rewards for crocodiles have increased as follows:—

1924, captured 81, measuring 256' 10"; rewards \$101.71. 1925, captured 243, measuring 942' 7"; rewards \$340.80. Captured have increased by 162, and rewards have increased \$239.09.

These chiefly come from Samarahan and a new method of catching these reptiles by flares has been adopted resulting in the above increase.

First Division.—Sadong.—Rewards for the capture of crocodiles amounted to \$415.56 as compared with \$61.71 in 1924. (Number of reptiles not stated.)

Bau.—Great improvements have been made in all the roads and by the end of 1925 there were forty-two miles of road fit for light car traffic and eight miles lorry traffic.

Tropical Happening I.

AFTER SIR W. S. GILBERT.

From West to East that noble clan,
— Ex-Service men—came to a man
To Sarawak and Kelantan.
In flocks and flocks they came.
Amongst them was a youngster who
In spite of all that he'd gone through
Could drink as much as I or you;
And Donald was his name.

One day while standing on the quay,
— In Singapore, I think, was he,—
Don saw a man who had a flea
Upon his whereabout.
The man he fidgeted and fussed—
And waved his arms and raved and cussed;
Our Donald thought that poor flea must
Be very hale and stout.

Which thought made Donald fidget too,
— In spite of all that he'd gone through—
But stout, although a heavy brew,
Was not our Donald's drink.
The sun scorched on our hero's back,
His throat felt like a carpet tack.
Whereat he forthwith wandered back
Aperitifs to sink.

The "Europe" portals glittered nigh,
The hour was ten—the sun was high,
A few more steps and he was by
The Sikh in turban red.
"A brandy ginger-ale" quoth he
With ill-conceal'd cupidity,
Then sat to view the scenery
And tan his mushy head.

He heard a voice quite close beside;
"Hello, John Willy!" someone cried
And, turning round, our Donald spied
A friend of bygone days.
For Dicky Briggs he really knew,
— Had been his tent companion too,—
And one amongst a scanty few
Who knew our Donald's ways.

"What brings you here my Donny?"
"I'll sit me down and have a beer"
"With you," said Dick, with cheerful leer.
And Donald had to pay.
Said Briggs "Of course you'll have to go"
"With me to the Amistice show"
"I'm with a bunch of five or so"
And Donald answered "Yea."

"We'll meet to-night at eight old thing"
"And mingle with this gathering"
"And Donny, you and I will sing"
And Donald murmured "fine."
"With song and dance we'll jog along"
"To mingle with the merry throng"
And Donald, who had listened long
Said "What about the wine?"

The dinner starts, the crowd is there,
And Dicky Briggs is in the chair
Behaving like a millionaire
So liberal is he.
And Donald isn't far away;
He listens to the Chairman's say
And drinks the toasts as best he may
With due alacrity.

At twelve the lights were glowing dim.
The room began to wave and swim,
(Or was it merely Donald's whim?)
He sank into repose.
What happened next our Donald knew
No more than either I or you
— In spite of all that he'd gone through—
So now my song I'll close.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of
Correspondents.]

LIMEHOUSE, E. 14,
LONDON, ENGLAND,
3rd February, 1926.

To
The Editor,
Sarawak Gazette.

DEAR SIR,

I was reading with my teacher in school last Monday (1.2.26.) the chapter on the Eastern Archipelago. I observe from that that you and your country are delightful with beautiful birds, apes, monkeys, etc., etc. I myself thought it would be very nice indeed to obtain a small active monkey. So I am asking you as politely as I possibly can whether you would send me a monkey. If you should do so I would be very anxious to show it to all my school-mates.

Yours respectfully,
GEORGE E. T.

Pasal Menoa Enggris.

Dinga ka olih kita samos orang,
Dudok tetap dinga ka karang;
Aku dudok lalu ngenang,
Leman utai di menoa orang.

Ukai aku tu bejako sabarang,
Baka ti nampung ensa orang;
Bisi ti dipeda mata aku trang,
Bisi mega dibacha dalam surat ti ngenang.

Adaipen England menoa dikenang,
Penyauh iya ukai agi chechamang;
Wang pen ka maioh enggau nambang,
Sikap tubuh pen enda tau korang.

Menoa orang maioh kena pansa,
Kapal di laut enda olih tesa;
Mensia maioh utang enda sa bansa,
Lain ga adat enda sida sa basa.

Teruba nuntong menoa Singapura,
Mensia maioh enda sa chara;
Kedai China ukai nya sa bengkah,
Kedai orang puteh mega ukai nya siti enggau dua.
Serta kapal pen belaboh di Singapura,
Datal tambang ukai nya agi sa buah enggau dua;
Ngelingi kapal sida iya baka ti nyembah,
Ka ngulih ka wang rerga sewa.

Ukai me aku tu ka ngamejai ka kenang.
Menoa Singapura diau pemadu pemaioh orang;
Kapal datai enda kala nemu pemungking,
Ari rerak tawas datai ka hari nya petang.

Pemaioh rumah batu alit ati aku ngenang,
Pemaioh jalai alit ati meda ti melintang putang;
Kreta ti ditaban ka kuda munyi pasang nyegang,
Sapemanjai hari nadai ngetu nyentok ka petang.
Mensia ti charut ukai nya kala belambang,
Saja bisi mata-mata ti nyaga siang enggau petang,
Laban pemaioh bansa mensia ukai nya agi kenang,
Bebunoh, bechuri, berampas, ukai nya tau pungking.

Orang Tambi ipak pendiau sida rindu beati garang.
Nadai agi milih orang datai ka bini sida disrang,
Baka sida ti bejako dras lalu melintang putang,
Baka nya mega sida ti belaya enda kala pungking.

Orang China ukai nya agi ribu orang,
Maia di kedai maia di wangking,
Sida nya betangkap enda belambang,
Diukum, ditutup, baka ti enda dikenang.

Belepas ari Singapura lalu bekejang,
Bulih satu bulan belayar siang enggau petang,
Menoa dipansa ukai nya kabuah dibilang,
Ngagai menoa England ti pulai ka kenang.

Glombang di laut ukai nya agi chechamang.
Pemesai alun iya nyau ka baka Bukit Kalingtang;
Sulak hari jai nyau nurun biobalai ujan,
Ati baka dipandang, takut bendar ati enggau penyuan.

Ukai nama agi pemaioh penamu mensia,
Dalam kapal samoa utai bla sedia;
Pemakai pen maioh umbas tengkira,
Dalam kapal asai ti di menoa raia.

Badu bekenang maioh ensra,
Aku tu lalu ngelaboh ka charita;
Menoa Ribai di tasik raia,
Menoa ti pemadu iya baru nyata.

Dibarah bulan di sarandang tarang,
Penyolai menoa England ukai chechamang;
Pemaioh mensia enda ulih bilang,
Nengri magang nadai kampong pengerang.

Pemanah menoa enda ulih charita,
Rumah batu ukai nya agi sa bengka;
Jalai pen maioh bepanga-panga,
Nengri pa besai rapas mata meda.

Bisi sa bengka dikumbai kapal darat,
Penglaju bejalai nyau ka baka kilat;
Mensia ti nambang datai ka sarat,
Ditaban ka iya ka samoa tempat.

Semadi me aku tu nyau udah ngarang,
Manah mega aku bepantai ka kenang;
Penyelap menoa England ukai chechamang,
Leboh musin chelap salju nurun nadai betegang.

Mata hari pemadu nyelai baka,
Berandang tampak utang enda bisa;
Ukai nama agi penyamai anak mensia,
Di England menoa ti dicharita.

Bisi mega sa bengka kebun dunya,
Dikumbai Zoo pemadu beguna;
Disimpan dia samoa macham jelu enggau unta,
Ari tanaman datai ka ikan enggau naga.

Orang puteh landik lalu chupuk tengkira,
Adat sida raja pendiau sida pen kekira;
Orang ti raja enda ulih dikata,
Manah diau sinu ka orang ti saranta.

Dalam kebun Zoo nadai enda dia ti digaga Allah,
Bemaung dikurung dia datai ka bansa singa.
Semoa leman macham ular datai ka sawa,
Mensia bejual pemakai dia nanya ka nyawa.

Rumah sambayang ukai nya sa bengka dua,
Pemanah digaga orang enda ulih dicharita;
Pendiau chechegit di langit sigat nyata,
Alai mensia nyembah Allah ti amat Petara.

W. H. H.

Club Notes.

Kuching Football Club.

"Beating the Bau-nds!"

The K. F. C. team played its first away match at Bau on Saturday the 27th March, in answer to a kind invitation from Messrs. F. H. Kortright and R. E. Edwards.

Fourteen members cast off from the Pengkalan at 12.30 p.m. in the good ship *Bradek* (kindly lent for the occasion by Messrs. Ong Ewe Hai) and some twenty minutes later six more embarked at Satok.

Siniawan was reached at 3 p.m., the poker "kira" having been made up about half a minute previously. Here the party distributed itself into no less than eight "Baby Austins" which, proceeding in line ahead, faded away over the horizon at about 40 miles per hour. All went well until Beetle No. 3, freighted with three of the longer and lustier members of the K.F.C., failed to negotiate a ditch. Fortunately the ambulance following up with the luggage arrived in time to save the occupants from adding to an already overpowering thirst.

Punctually to time the opposing forces broke the camera and then facing one another in battle formation proceeded to wisskick the spherical. After a strenuous first half, mostly in favour of Bau,

the interval found the home team one goal to the good, the result of a magnificent shot by Apoh.

At the renewal Kuching played a more forcing game, and after about fifteen minutes play, Mead put in a low *daisy cropper* which beat Bau's custodian to a frazzle. A few minutes later Ennion put in a *humping* which also found the net. Bau made strenuous efforts to equalise, but by this time the visiting team were getting tough and, retaining their lead, won a most exciting game by two goals to one.

The following were the teams: Bau—J. C. Smith, Carey, R. E. Edwards, Mah Kiok, Bujang, Mathew Chong, Madris, Palil, Apoh, Hee Leong. Kuching—Down, Turner, Stewart, Mead, Honoré, Banks, Spurway, Ennion, Calvert, Bates, Mudford.

At the conclusion of the game Mrs. J. C. Smith very graciously presented the Captain of the winning team with a handsome cup.

After a swim in the lake a very pleasant evening was spent in music and wit at the D.O.'s bungalow. The end of dinner found everybody a jolly good fellow, and carriages arrived at about 10.15 p.m.

At Siniawan a search party was formed which was entirely successful in extracting a care-free half dozen or so stragglers from Mr. Ong Seng Thai's house where light refreshment was being served.

The weary wanderers sought their beds in the early hours of Sunday morning, having had a most perfect and strenuous day.

Three cheers for Bau and may they soon come down here for a return match. Bau—wan!!—Jolly Jack.

Sarawak Club.

BOWLING AVERAGES FOR FEBRUARY, 1926.

	No. of	
	Games.	Average.
J. P. Baird	... 13	159.0
G. T. Bates	... 5	148.4
R. W. Chater	... 5	123.4
B. A. Trechman	... 11	116.9
A. E. Lawrence	... 5	109.4
D. Y. Proudfoot	... 8	108.1

Race Week Bowls Tournament.

(Men's Doubles—Draw for Partners.)

HANDICAP.

Kuching Entries close Saturday, 24th April, at 7 p.m.

Kuching Members to roll off on Monday, 26th April, at 6 p.m.

Outstation Entries close Wednesday, 28th April, at 7 p.m.

Outstation Members to roll off on Thursday, 29th April, at 6 p.m. sharp.

Ballot for Handicappers, 1st, 2nd and 3rd April.
Entries (from Outstations to be notified to the Honorary Secretary by post, if possible) \$1 each.

Race Week Optional Pool Tournament.

(Men's Doubles—Draw for Partners.)

HANDICAP.

Kuching Entries close Saturday, 3rd April, at 7 p.m.

Kuching Draw and Handicaps published Monday, 5th April, at noon.

Kuching Members to play off by Monday, 26th April.

Outstation Entries close Wednesday, 28th April, at 7 p.m.

Outstation Draw and Handicaps published Thursday, 29th April, at noon.

Outstation Members to play off by Monday, 3rd May.

Final between Kuching and Outstation Members on Tuesday, 4th May.

Ballot for Handicappers, 1st, 2nd and 3rd April.

Entries (from Outstations to be notified to the Honorary Secretary by post, if possible) \$1 each.

Race Week Tennis Tournament.

(Men's Doubles—Draw for Partners.)

HANDICAP.

Kuching Entries close Saturday, 3rd April, at 7 p.m.

Kuching Draw and Handicaps published Monday, 5th April, at noon.

Kuching Members to play off by Monday, 26th April.

Outstation Entries close Wednesday, 28th April, at 7 p.m.

Outstation Draw and Handicaps published Thursday, 29th April, at noon.

Outstation Members to play off by Monday, 3rd May.

Final between Kuching and Outstation Members on Tuesday, 4th May.

Ballot for Handicappers, 1st, 2nd and 3rd April.

Entries (from Outstations to be notified to the Honorary Secretary by post, if possible) \$1 each.

St. Michael's Catholic Club.

Tennis Tournament.

Singles Handicap.

FIRST ROUND.

Ah Thiam scratch beat L. Kou Fah scratch, 6—5, 6—2.

Stephen Harry scratch beat F. Shui Lian plus 15, 6—4, 6—3.

L. K. L. Chan owe 15 beat John Tai plus 15, 6—3, 6—0.

SECOND ROUND.

Ho Hong Soon (bye) owe 15 beat S. Mong (bye) owe 15, 6—3, 6—3.

Ah Niew (bye) plus 15 beat Liang Siang (bye) plus 15, 6—1, 6—0.

Ah Thiam scratch beat Lim Soon (bye) owe 15, 6—3, 6—3.

L. K. L. Chan owe 15 beat Stephen Harry scratch, 6—3, 6—2.

THIRD ROUND.

Ah Niew plus 15 beat H. Hong Soon owe 15, 13—11, 6—2.

L. K. L. Chan owe 15 beat Ah Thiam scratch, 6—2, 6—4.

FINAL ROUND, BEST OF FIVE ADVANTAGE SETS.

L. K. L. Chan owe 15 beat Ah Niew plus 15, 6—2, 6—3, 6—0.

Mr. L. K. L. Chan won his Club trophy and Mr. Ah Niew won Mr. W. L. Vanderslott's pair of silver cups. The final was played off on the 20th instant. Unfortunately for Ah Niew he had to wear smoked glasses owing to sore eyes; anyhow, the favourite opinion was that even on their ordinary form of result would not have been otherwise.

Ho Hong Soon,
Honorary Secretary.

Sarawak Regatta, 1926.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
BALANCE—from last year's account .. \$21.16	PRIZES—as per programme \$2,265.50
LESS:—	Grassy Boom prizes 19.45
Amount paid a/c 1925 Regatta after accounts were printed in Gazette .. 17.75	— 2,284.75
ADD:—	CHARGES:—
Amount overpaid a/c Singa Kala and Angin Laut afterwards recovered .. 7.50	Tambang hire for starting \$ 45.50
Balance as per Chartered Bank P. book .. 10.80	Govt. Printing Office for programmes, etc. 34.07
AMOUNT GIVEN FOR OR TOWARDS CUPS:—	Fe Tiang Lok benzine for launches 32.76
Their Highnesses the Rajah and Rane .. \$300.00	Cost of engraving cups, and postage on same 15.10
J. C. Moulton, Esqr. 100.00	New Club refreshments at prize giving 2.45
The Data Bandar 100.00	Chong Kim Eng refreshments grandstand, etc. 106.13
Datus, Supreme Court 100.00	Expenses re grassy boom 26.75
Inche Mohd. Zin 50.00	Cost of totalizer semaphore 22.50
Japanese Community 50.00	
Indian Community 75.00	
Pong Chiang, Gambling Farm 50.00	
Sarawak Chinese and Kwong Lee Banks 75.00	
Sarawak Farms Syndicate 75.00	
Sarawak Trading Co., Ltd. 50.00	Boys wages \$7.00
Sarawak Steamship Co., Ltd. 50.00	Wages to Sirat 2.00
Borneo Co., Ltd. 50.00	" " Sidin 8.00
— 1,125.00	Cost of 10 ducks 11.88
SUBSCRIPTIONS COLLECTED:—	Megaphone 1.00
Belat 651.00	Zinc plates 3.00
Europeans 392.00	Flags for starter and umpire .50
— 1,043.00	Conveying chairs .60
TOTALIZER—Commission @ 5% 237.55	Balance in hand on deposit with Chartered Bank 294.92
Entrance fees 351.00	
Programmes sold 31.20	
Selling lottery commission 94.60	
Grassy Boom prizes unclaimed 2.00	
\$2,898.21	\$2,898.21

G. T. BATES.

J. S. MUDFORD.

Joint Hon. Treasurers.

E. O. BRUCE.

Hon. Secretary.

Notes on the Entries and Weights for the Spring Meeting 1926.

It is unfortunate that Division I. decreases in size meeting by meeting. White Wings and Untong have been moved down to Division II. This leaves seven ponies in Division I. of which Billy Buster is not coming under the Starters orders. The only promotion is Azab from Division IV. to Division III. Kijang, Snap, and Lee Pah have gone to Division III., Sabek, Pitak, and Bintang to Division IV.

The course opened for training on March 15th. It is too early yet to give any forecast. Lee Mah, Blazes, and Hopeless all caught the eye as being fit. But Burak was out of condition. Still there is plenty of time. The usual rumours of cracked heels and sore backs continue to come in from the outstation stables. Ghalib and Shotaway, however, arrived recently from Baram in excellent condition. Their owner and trainer has some very nice material to work on.

Glancing at the weights for the racing on the first day, the first race for Division IV, 3 furlongs. Sabek (10.0) heads the list with top weight being a newcomer from Division III. He was dead lame in the Autumn and did not run. Sakai (9.7) gets the same weight as before over this distance. It will be remembered that this pony was fancied for this race last Autumn. He was badly left at the post, but was going very well at the finish in spite of it. Pitak (9.10) catches the eye but the distance is not long enough for him; Apa Kena (8.0) has the same weight after running Azab to a length when receiving 17 lbs. Shotaway (7.11) was two lengths away at the same weight. Both these ponies had only been taken up for three months previous to the races. I do not expect either of them to remain in Division IV. on their present form.

Top weight for the five furlong race for Division I. has dropped from 11.0 to 10.7. Hopeless again heads the list. Burak (10.3) won the race last year with 10.5. Blazes (9.3) was half a length away with 9.6. Wembley the same distance away now gets 5 lbs. less. He races at 8.5. Hopeless (10.7) only concedes 4 lbs. to Burak instead of 9 lbs. Wembley (8.5) is receiving 33 lbs. from Burak as against 23 lbs. when he ran him to a length. This 10 lbs. may place Wembley in front of Burak. Hopeless (10.7) can be either first or last whichever pleases him when the flag falls. Lee Mah (9.0) was off colour last meeting and did not run up to his previous form of the Spring. Kismet (8.10) is looking very fit. If his leg stands training he should be somewhere near at the finish, but it would be a popular win if Wembley passed the post first.

The third race of the day, four furlongs for Division II., has ten entries. The top weights, Untong (10.0) and White Wings (9.10), have come down from the class above. In spite of this, I cannot see the reason why Adham (8.10) should be penalized so heavily for running Sisit (9.4), last meeting's winner, to a short head. Sisit was then carrying 9.6 and Adham 8.8. In 1923 Sisit, as a new pony, won twice over this distance carrying 9.5 and 10.7. He beat Sakbon the then star performer. His time was 1 min. 6 secs. Last Autumn his time was 1 min. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs. Granted that Untong and White Wings should be able to deal with him, I consider that Sisit has been let in very lightly and Adham unnecessarily penalized. Beaver (8.7) looks quite good. And Lutong (8.12) will make them all gallop if he starts.

The six furlongs for Division III. is next on the list. Ghalib (8.10) won the race last meeting on the disqualification of Kuching (9.7). Ghalib gets an extra 3 lbs. and Kuching gets off 2 lbs. Ghalib now receives 11 lbs. from Kuching as against 14 lbs. before. Azab (8.4) comes up from Division IV. having won both the 3 and 4 furlong races in that class, carrying 9.3 in both races. He has filled out and improved greatly. Whether the blinkers in which he is being trained will help him to further successes remain to be seen. Bakcha (10.0) comes down from Division II. The distance suits him but the weight is too much. The distance is too far for Damit (9.4). Aladdin (9.0) is going well in his morning gallops.

Very little comment is needed on the four furlongs for Division IV. On form it is anyone's race. The weights favour Shotaway (7.12). He made a very good race of it over this distance last meeting.

Race six is the five furlongs for Division II. Adham (8.10) again incurs an extra 2 lbs. for being three lengths away from Sisit (9.5) over the same

distance last Autumn. They were then carrying 8.3 and 9.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ respectively. Penglima (9.7) was a length away from them carrying 10.0. Untong (10.0) and White Wings (9.7) are newcomers. Bang (8.0) on his last appearance over five furlongs ran Nizam to a head receiving 5 lbs. He was then carrying 9.3. With only 8.0 he may show up here. Beaver (8.7) made the running in the mile up to Padungan gate with 7.11. And then won over six furlongs from Adham (8.10) by half a length carrying 8.6. The extra pound should not worry him if he is up to form. White Wings (9.7) likes a shorter distance.

The seventh race is the three furlongs for Divisions III. and IV. It has drawn an entry of ten ponies. Ghalib (9.0) won this race last meeting from The Scout who does not go this time. If (9.9) has his right distance provided he starts. Damit (9.7) is nicely weighted. But with ten runners, if they all go to the post, it will be a scramble and the draw will have a lot to do with the result.

After much discussion it has at last been decided to have one race round the course. The Rance's Cup will be run over 1 mile 2 furlongs 150 yards instead of the measured mile. The start will be opposite the Grand Stand. Seventeen ponies are entered but it is doubtful if they will all weigh out. Many must only have been entered to see how the Handicapper would treat them. The most remarkable weights are Blazes (9.9) and Kismet (8.12). After the Spring Meeting in 1925 Blazes and Kismet (then Up Eight), ran a match round the course at level weights (9.8). Kismet came right away to win by about eight lengths. Blazes (9.9) has now to give Kismet (8.12) weight to the extent of 11 lbs. Even if Kismet did not put up a creditable performance in the following Autumn, and Blazes gave him three pounds and beat him over the mile, he was never far enough behind to justify such leniency. There will not be sufficient jockeys for the light weights and many will carry extra weight in all probability.

CENTAUR.

Sarawak Turf Club.



Spring Meeting, 1926.

ENTRIES AND HANDICAPS.

First Day.—1st May.

Race No. 1.—3 furlongs.

Division IV.

1—Sabek ...	...	Abang Suhai and Abang Jadal ...	10.0
2—Pitak ...	...	Ali bin Dollah ...	9.10
3—Sakai ...	...	Mr. Astlay ...	9.7
4—Manna Buleh ...	...	Mr. E. O. Bruce ...	9.7
5—Guntor ...	...	Nasrullah ...	8.0
7—Ajah ...	...	Mr. Ang Cheng Khoi ...	8.0
8—Apa Kena ...	...	Mr. J. B. Archer ...	8.0
9—Shotaway ...	...	Mr. C. D. Adams ...	7.11

Race No. 2.—5 furlongs.

Division I.

1—Hopeless ...	...	Mr. H. B. Crocker ...	10.7
2—Burak ...	...	Ali bin Dollah ...	10.3
3—Blazes ...	...	Mr. J. A. H. Hardie ...	9.8
4—Lee Mah ...	...	Mr. Wee Boon Chew and Mr. Chan Tock Cheng ...	9.0
5—Kismet ...	...	Mr. J. K. Beasley ...	8.10
6—Wembley ...	...	H. H. The Rajah ...	8.5

Race No. 3.—4 furlongs.

Division I.

1—Untong	Mr. P. M. Adams	10.0
2—White Wings	H. H. The Rajah	9.10
3—Sakbon	Abang Suleiman	9. 7
4—Penglima	Mr. Chan Teck Cheng and Mr. Wee Boon Chew	9. 7
5—Sisit	The Datu Bandar	9. 4
6—Tolin	Haji Hassim	9. 0
7—Lutong	Inche Mohd. Ali and Abang Mohd. Taha	8.12
8—Adham	The Datu Imam Tua	8.10
9—Beaver	Mr. P. M. Adams and Mr. J. B. Archer	8. 7
10—Bang	Messrs. Bates and Arundell	8. 0

Race No. 4.—6 furlongs.

Division III.

1—Kijang	Sam Kongsi	10.0
2—Bakha	Abang Suleiman	10.0
3—Bintang	Gepek	9. 9
4—Kuching	Mr. Ang Ong Chye	9. 7
5—Damit	Mr. Walters	9. 4
6—Aladdin	The Triple Kongsi	9. 0
7—Mah Jongg	Mr. Hinway	8.12
8—Ghalib	Mr. C. D. Adams	8.10
9—Gundah	The Datu Imam	8. 7
10—Azab	Mr. Harchell	8. 4

Race No. 5.—4 furlongs.

Division IV.

1—Pitak	Ali bin Dollah	10.0
2—Sakai	Mr. Astlay	9.11
3—Manna Buleh	Mr. E. O. Bruce	9. 8
4—Gunor	Nasrullah	8. 1
5—Ajatb	Mr. Ang Cheng Khoi	8. 1
6—Apa Kena	Mr. J. B. Archer	8. 1
7—Shotaway	Mr. C. D. Adams	7.12

Race No. 6.—5 furlongs.

Division II.

1—Untong	Mr. P. M. Adams	10.0
2—White Wings	H. H. The Rajah	9. 7
3—Penglima	Mr. Chan Teck Cheng and Mr. Wee Boon Chew	9. 7
4—Sisit	The Datu Bandar	9. 5
5—Lutong	Inche Mohd. Ali and Abang Mohd. Taha	8.12
6—Adham	The Datu Imam Tua	8.10
7—Beaver	Mr. P. M. Adams and Mr. J. B. Archer	8. 7
8—Bang	Messrs. Bates & Arundell	8. 0

Race No. 7.—3 furlongs.

Divisions III & IV.

1—Bintang	Gepek	10.0
2—Kuching	Mr. Ang Ong Chye	9.12
3—If	Mr. E. W. Howell	9. 9
4—Damit	Mr. G. J. D. Walters	9. 7
5—Aladdin	The Triple Kongsi	9. 4
6—Ghalib	Mr. C. D. Adams	9. 0
7—Gundah	The Datu Imam	8.11
8—Azab	Mr. Harchell	8. 7
9—Manna Buleh	Mr. E. O. Bruce	8. 4
10—Apa Kena	Mr. J. B. Archer	7. 0

Race No. 8.—Race Course. Divisions I, II, III & IV.

1—Hopeless	Mr. H. B. Crocker	11.0
2—Burak	Ali bin Dollah	10.9
3—Blazes	Mr. Hardie	9. 9
4—Lee Mah	Mr. Wee Boon Chiew and Mr. Chan Teck Cheng	9. 9
5—Kismet	Mr. J. K. Beasley	8.12
6—Wembley	H. H. The Rajah	8. 7
7—Untong	Mr. P. M. Adams	8. 5
8—Sakbon	Abang Suleiman	8. 3
9—Adham	The Datu Imam Tua	8. 0
10—White Wings	H. H. The Rajah	8. 0
11—Tolin	Haji Hassim	7.12
12—Nizam	Mr. Willy Clark and Mr. Ang Ong Chye	7.12
13—Damit	Mr. Walters	7. 9
14—Ghalib	Mr. C. D. Adams	7. 7
15—Azab	Mr. Harchell	7. 4
16—Manna Buleh	Mr. E. O. Bruce	7. 4
17—Shotaway	Mr. C. D. Adams	6. 7

Second Day. 3rd May.

Race No. 1.—4 furlongs.

Divisions III & IV.

1—Apa Kena	Mr. J. B. Archer
2—Shotaway	Mr. C. D. Adams
3—Ghalib	Do.
4—Azab	Mr. Harchell
5—If	Mr. E. W. Howell
6—Aladdin	The Triple Kongsi
7—Pitak	Ali bin Dollah
8—Manna Buleh	Mr. E. O. Bruce
9—Gunor	Nasrullah
10—Kuching	Mr. Ang Ong Chye
11—Sakni	Mr. Astlay
12—Gundah	The Datu Imam
13—Ajatb	Mr. Ang Cheng Khoi

Race No. 2.—6 furlongs.

Division I.

1—Wembley	H. H. the Rajah
2—Hopeless	Mr. H. B. Crocker
3—Blazes	Mr. Hardie
4—Lee Mah	Mr. Wee Boon Chew and Mr. Chan Teck Cheng
5—Burak	Ali bin Dollah
6—Kismet	Mr. J. K. Beasley

Race No. 3.—6 furlongs.

Division II.

1—White Wings	H. H. the Rajah
2—Untong	Mr. P. M. Adams
3—Beaver	Mr. P. M. Adams and Mr. J. B. Archer
4—Tolin	Haji Hassim
5—Penglima	Mr. Chan Teck Cheng and Mr. Wee Boon Chiew
6—Sisit	The Datu Bandar
7—Lutong	Inche Mohd. Ali and Abang Mohd. Taha
8—Sakbon	Abang Suleiman
9—Nizam	Mr. Willy Clark and Mr. Ang Ong Chye
10—Bang	Messrs. Bates and Arundell
11—Adham	The Datu Imam Tua

Race No. 4.—5 furlongs.

Division III.

1—Ghalib	Mr. C. D. Adams
2—Azab	Mr. Harchell
3—If	Mr. E. W. Howell
4—Aladdin	The Triple Kongsi
5—Bakha	Abang Suleiman
6—Mah Jongg	Mr. Hinway
7—Damit	Mr. Walters
8—Kuching	Mr. Ang Ong Chye
9—Kijang	Sam Kongsi
10—Gundah	The Datu Imam

Race No. 5.—4 furlongs.

Division I.

1—Wembley	H. H. the Rajah
2—Hopeless	Mr. H. B. Crocker
3—Blazes	Mr. Hardie
4—Lee Mah	Mr. Wee Boon Chow and Mr. Chan Teck Cheng
5—Burak	Ali bin Dollah
6—Kismet	Mr. J. K. Beasley

Race No. 6.—3 furlongs.

Division II.

1—White Wings	H. H. the Rajah
2—Untong	Mr. P. M. Adams
3—Beaver	Mr. P. M. Adams and Mr. Archer
4—Penglima	Mr. Chan Teck Cheng and Mr. Wee Boon Chiew
5—Sisit	The Datu Bandar
6—Lutong	Inche Mohd. Ali and Abang Mohd. Taha
7—Bang	Messrs. Bates and Arundell
8—Adham	The Datu Imam Tua

Race No. 7.—3 furlongs.

Consolation Race open to all Divisions.

Race No. 8.—4½ furlongs.

Winners' Handicap open to all Divisions.

MONTHLY REPORTS.

FIRST DIVISION.

Kuching.

January, 1926.

Resident's Court.—Nine cases of which three were criminal with two convictions and one acquittal. There were three appeals from the District Court of which one was dismissed, one upheld, and a bigger compensation given in the third. One appeal from the District Court, Ban, whose judgment was reversed. Chop Hong Kiat prosecuted Toh Poon and Chua Oh of Chop Soon Kiat, Baram, for embezzlement. The case is still sub judice pending examination of accounts. Amount of bail for defendants was \$10,000 each. Ang Boon Tin claimed \$17,000 from Chops Bian Moh, Kuching, and Eng Moh, Bintulu. Another claim for \$10,000 was entered against these Chops, which have since become bankrupt.

District Court.—Criminal.—Twenty-seven cases with twenty convictions, six acquittals and one case transferred to Simanggang Court. Assault five, cheating four, possession of stolen property one, contempt of Court five, offences against Municipal By-laws one, other offences eleven. Total fines \$333 and fees \$30.75.

District Court.—Civil.—Fourteen cases with fees collected \$73.75 and the value of claims dealt with was \$4,455.30.

Magistrate's Court.—Civil.—Seventy-five cases with fees \$130 and a total value of claims dealt with \$1,455.96.

Police Court.—Thirty-nine cases with thirty-three convictions and six acquittals. Total fines \$447. Assault four, theft eight, contempt of Court one, offences against Municipal By-laws six, other offences twenty.

Datu's Court.—Seventeen summonses were issued and fines amounted to \$160.56 and fees \$20.50.

General.—The offices were closed on the 1st for the New Year and again on the 2nd for the annual regatta.

Her Highness the Raneé, Dayangs Elizabeth and Vava with Captain Barry Gifford, left for Singapore on the 25th.

An inquiry was held into the collision between s.s. *Lucile* and an oil-tanker, which was at anchor in the river. The certificate of the juragan of the *Lucile* was suspended for three months. The Chief Engineer's promotion was also withheld for three months for disobedience of the Shipping Master's order.

I visited Sadong on the 18th, accompanied by Mrs. Aplin, to hold an inquiry into complaints by the Temong Dyaks against Abang Samsudin, Native Officer, and Sin Jan of Tabekang. The Dyaks had not arrived and I returned to Kuching on the 20th.

The case was later settled in Kuching and the Dyaks were unable to prove their accusations, but the property as received by Sin Jan was ordered to be returned to them as unnecessary force had been used by Sin Jan to obtain this property in payment of the Dyaks' debts.

At the end of the month I was away at Ban.

Mr. F. G. Carpenter visited Sambier from 26th to the 28th to look into complaints against Abdulrasit, the tua kampong. This tua kampong was warned by myself about a year ago, and as these complaints have been brought against him he will be dismissed.

Sadong.

January, 1926.

Court.—In the District Court the charge against Ah Pang of fabricating false evidence was dismissed. In the Magistrate's Court, Bujang Arang was fined \$25 under *Pasal 17*. Yung Siong fined \$20 for contempt of Court and non-payment of royalty, and Udin sentenced to one month's imprisonment also for contempt of Court. Several cases of Malays having work at the mines with advances still unpaid were dealt with. Several cases of Malays failing to fulfil contracts to work timber for the colliery also came before the Court.

Prisoners.—The average numbers for the month was nine. The gang was employed during the greater part of the month on the kampong ditches. They were also employed on clearing the railway road.

P.W.D.—The coolies also worked on the kampong ditches. The bridge to Kampong Sageng, which is always giving trouble, partially collapsed again and the coolies were turned on to fix it up and try and make it more permanent. Work was begun on the roof of the Court house which is to be replaced entirely.

Health.—This has been good except for a certain amount of suffering from sores of one sort or another appropriate to the season of year.

Medical.—A total number of 119 patients were treated during the month as follows:—

European	...	2
Chinese	...	48
Dyaks	...	37
Malays	...	22
Tamils	...	6
Sikhs	...	4
		119

There were twenty-six admissions during the month, twenty-four were discharged as cured and one died leaving eleven remaining at the end of the month.

A Dyak patient suffering from traumatic peritonitis was brought in and died two days after admission. He refused to be sent to Kuching for surgical treatment. Two cases of fracture were sent to Kuching and a case of eye trouble for admission to the pauper camp. A total number of 57 N.A.B. injections were given and all proved satisfactory.

Agriculture.—The rice prospects appear to be good. In some parts, as in the Ulu Simunjan, the Dyaks are already starting to harvest, though in most parts the crop is still unripe.

Engkabang did not do well though some of the smaller varieties were quite plentiful. Rats are as usual a great scourge in the fields.

General.—I arrived back from Kuching on the 6th. Many requests to open rubber gardens were made as usual but no more tickets will be issued now until the land has been seen to be unfit for padi first. A local order was made that bicycles must be provided with two efficient brakes and must have a head lamp after sunset.

The Divisional Officer and Mrs. Aplin visited the Station on the 18th returning to Kuching on the 20th. I went up the right-hand branch of the Simunjan at the end of the month and attended at a cock-fighting tourney of the Dyaks. It has been arranged that the Dyaks will work attaps for the Government after the harvest.

Mr. H. E. Davidson passed through the station on his way from the ulu Gedong. Mr. Arundell stayed a night on his way to Mukah.

Rainfall for the month was 19.22 inches.

Shipping.—Calls were made during the month as follows:—

S.S. <i>Alice Lorraine</i>	... once
S.L. <i>L'Aubaine</i>	... 7 times
S.L. <i>Lucile</i>	... once
S.J. <i>Sri Sadong</i>	
M.L. <i>Mvaratebas</i>	... 4 times

Trade.—The local Trade Returns for comparison with last year are as follows:—

	Imports.	Exports.
January, 1926	\$11,745.00	\$27,350.85
" 1925	18,481.00	18,096.00

H. D. APLIN.
Divisional Officer.

SADONG COLLIERY.

February, 1926.

The output, export, local consumption, conversion to coke, and coal stock figures for the month were as follows:—

1st February stock balance	... 630.08 tons.
February gross output	... 1,297.05 "
	Total 1,927.13 "
Shipped ...	... 1,183.00 tons
Consumed by boilers and conversion into coke	336.00 "
	1,519.00
Stock balance	... 408.13 tons.

The Chinese employees stopped work for their New Year holidays on the night of the 11th, and resumed again on the auspicious afternoon of the 18th.

The engine and boilers were inspected, and overhauled where necessary, during this interval.

The underground roadways were found to be exceptionally free from heavy roof and side falls on the resumption of work after the stoppage.

Several visits of inspection were made to the "Lepong" watershed, and as the virgin jungle approaches are difficult, a narrow bridle-path is being made as far as the falls, where the water-volume gauges will be erected in the streams in order to arrive at the quantity of water available during the dry seasons.

The rainfall for the month was 13.47 inches.

J. W. EVANS.
Manager.

SECOND DIVISION.

Simanggang.

January, 1926.

Mr. R. L. Daubeny, during the absence of the Resident, reports as follows for the month of January, viz.:—

Court.—**District Court.**—Government vs. Akul (*f.*) Jagan, Sarang (*f.*) Ratek, concealment of birth section 318, Akul (*f.*) being sentenced to one year's imprisonment and the remainder fined one picul each; Irit (*f.*) vs. Sait and Got (*f.*) adultery, to await decision of Resident, Second Division, in re diving contest; Sampar vs. Salak, appeal against decision of Penghulu Lambai, appeal dismissed; Senkok vs. Angieng (*f.*), appeal against decision of Penghulu Mumin, appeal dismissed; Government vs. Bajar, causing grievous hurt, etc., section 338, defendant was sentenced to one and a half years' imprisonment and also must pay hospital expenses for Robert; Robert vs. Buja and Rendah (*f.*), adultery, defendants both were fined 20 catties each; Government vs. Sa'yah (*f.*), non-payment of fine \$44.28, security accepted for full payment in four months; Song vs. Sensem and Jamboh, appeal against decision of Penghulu Linang, case adjourned for defendants; Chambi vs. Barau, appeal against Penghulu Linang, decision of Penghulu Linang reversed and appeal returned to plaintiff; Aleng vs. Bong Phioh, breach of agreement, defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and to repay his debt to plaintiff within one month from release; Salumbang vs. Baiya, appeal against decision of Penghulus Jaul and Angkon, case adjourned for examination of land; Mensalleh vs. Jali, causing grievous hurt, section 338, defendant was fined two piculs and to pay hospital expenses \$18.75 and damages ten catties.

Magistrate's Court.—Te Kee, Chinese bazaar, was sentenced to three months for assault. Nine persons were fined \$5 and costs for planting rubber without a permit. There were several other cases, but not of any importance.

P.W.D.—The prisoners averaging 64.7 in number have been employed on the ditches Sabu Road, ditches on the plains, and general upkeep of the station including repairing of the wharf, bazaar gate, and clearing out of the kampong drains.

General.—Mr. McDougall left for Sebuyow for a holiday on 1st January, returning to Simanggang on the 3rd January. Abang Omar proceeded to Betong on the 9th January, to take the place of Abang Indut as Native Officer, Betong.

Court Writers Choo Lim, Kioh Soon, and Entrieng, arrived during the month at Simanggang for instruction in the new accounts and returned to their respective stations after a period of four or five days.

The Assistant Conservator of Forests again left for Sebuyow on 19th January and returned on the 22nd.

Penghulus Kana, Linang, Mun, Mekoi and Lambai, arrived during the month.

The Resident returned from Kuching on the 29th.

Cattle.—Simanggang herd number 97 head and Lubok Antu herd number 39 head.

Agriculture.—Four permits to plant pepper, two to plant sago, and 86 to plant rubber were issued during the month at Simanggang, Lingga and Sebuyow.

Forest Department.—The Assistant Conservator of Forests reports as follows:—During the month a section of a jelutong tree was set up outside the Forest Office, and tapped according to the new regulations.

This will be seen by all jelutong workers who take out their permits at Simanggang and shows approximately the minimum size of tree which may be tapped, and the correct method of making the cuts.

The Assistant Conservator visited Lingga and Sebnayow during the month.

Trade.—The principal exports were:—

Gutta Jelutong	...	391.70	pls. valued at	\$ 6,959
Pepper White	...	151.75	do. do.	16,786
Pepper Black	...	18.65	do. do.	1,367
Para Rubber	...	90.90	do. do.	13,845
Para Scrap	...	32.90	do. do.	4,150
Raw Sago	...	49	do. do.	182

		Imports.	Exports.
January, 1926	...	\$26,663	\$50,942
" 1925	...	31,792	25,121

February, 1926.

Court.—*Resident's Court.*—An appeal from the District Court, Debak. The case in question deals with ownership of land; I was unable to settle same here, so adjourned same, and case will be heard when next I visit Debak.

District Court.—An appeal from decision of Penghulu Ingkas. The case dealt with division of property and the decision of the Penghulu was upheld. An appeal against decision of Penghulu Linang in *re* land, the decision of Penghulu was reversed.

Karrin, Skrang Dyak, fined ten catties for contempt of Penghulu Mumin's orders *re* repairing of Tisak road; Abang Seik, Native Officer, Lubok Antu, fined \$20 for attempting to assault one Lom, and Lom fined \$22.14 for trespass. There were numerous other cases.

Magistrate's Court.—Lui, Dyak of Betong, sentenced to six months' R.I. for theft. Daiong sentenced to three months' R.I. for escaping from custody. Blon, prisoner who escaped in December, 1920, and arrested at Mukah, was sentenced to six months extra R.I. and received two dozen with rotten. There were numerous other cases, both criminal and civil, but none call for special mention.

General.—M. L. One left Lingga on the 3rd, returning again on the 4th with Mr. H. E. Cutfield, who has been appointed to do duty in this Division.

On the 9th Mr. H. E. Cutfield left in m.l. *One* for Kabong, he having been appointed Acting Assistant District Officer, Kalaka and Lower Saribas. Mr. D. E. Calver, Assistant Conservator of Forests, also visited Kabong.

The Court Writers Lingga, Engkilili, and Lubok Antu, arrived during the month in order to have further training in keeping the new accounts.

Dyaks started doing up the Tisak Betong road, also working telephone posts. The road is now in excellent order.

The 13th and 15th were observed as Public Holidays, it being Chinese New Year.

On the 18th I left for Engkilili, accompanied by Draup, Native Officer, Penghulu Renang. On the way up land unsuitable for padi farms was examined and same can now be planted up with para rubber. I returned to Simanggang on the 19th.

On the 17th Mr. McDougall, accompanied by Datu Abang Haji Buasan, left for the Saribas via Tisak, returning again on the 22nd. Mr. McDougall reports as follows on his visit to Betong:—

Court.—Eighteen cases were heard. Three Dyaks were fined \$25, and nine \$15 each, for fighting in the bazaar.

One Dyak received three months' R.I. for breach of Quarantine Regulations. The other cases were small debt and land disputes.

Health.—The Dresser, Edward Chia, was away down river investigating the report of a serious outbreak of smallpox at Kampong Beladin. The Dispensary is temporarily situated under the Fort pending the erection of a new building.

Public Works.—The two prisoners were engaged in clearing the site of the new Government School. For the past few weeks they have been doing repairs to the road.

Whitewashing of the bazaar shops has just been completed and gravel is being laid down on the main street. The road from Betong to Pengkalan Jungkong is greatly improved by the work done by local Dyaks in grading and repairing it.

Agriculture.—Dyaks in the district report excellent crops of padi. About sixty permits to plant rubber on hill land were issued.

Miscellaneous.—Acting on instructions received from the Resident I made arrangements with Penghulu Unji to have the old cannon called *Bujang Sadok* brought down from Bukit Sadok to the Fort. The cannon is of historical interest, having been used against His Highness the late Rajah, and is to be placed in the Museum at Kuching.

Abang Omar, Native Officer at Betong, accompanied me to Simanggang, and also Penghulus Isak and Ijau, who wanted to be at Simanggang for the coming visit of His Highness the Rajah.

There is nothing of further interest or importance to report.

On the 23rd His Highness the Rajah, Dayang Leonora, and Major Cunynghame, Commandant Sarawak Rangers, arrived in m.l. *One* at 3.15 p.m. It poured with rain the whole way up from Lingga, and it was still raining when His Highness landed, but in spite of the rain a large and representative crowd was present to welcome His Highness and the Dayang Leonora.

Major S. Cunynghame's visit was connected with recruiting for the Sarawak Rangers, also Abang Taha, Inspector of Police, Kuching, arrived on a recruiting campaign.

The 24th, being Her Highness the Ranees's birthday, the Offices were closed and flagstaff dressed.

His Highness the Rajah, during his visit here, held an interview with the Native Officers, and was pleased to raise the pay of the Datus from \$100 to \$150 per mensem and a yearly increase of \$10 up to a limit of \$200. A great number of Penghulus visited His Highness and they brought up the question of tapping jelutong. The Towkays of the bazaar visited His Highness in *re* the building of a new bazaar. His Highness informed them that they could please themselves, but if they did not wish to build a new bazaar they must thoroughly repair the present bazaar; they all agreed to this.

His Highness, during his stay, visited both kampungs when a great welcome was given him, also the bazaar was visited and same was tastefully decorated.

His Highness gave a feast to the Dyaks which took place in the Fort and dancing was carried on until 11 p.m.

On the 27th, His Highness the Rajah, Dayang Leonora, Major S. Cunynghame, and myself, left at 5.30 a.m. for Lingga. Lingga was reached at 9 a.m. and a great crowd of Dyaks, men and women, were present to greet His Highness and Dayang Leonora. His Highness set sail in the s.l. *Lucile* at 11 a.m. and at 4 p.m. boarded the H.H.M.Y. *Maimuna* at Triso and immediately set sail for Kuching. I accompanied His Highness to Kuching on a short visit.

Agriculture.—Seven permits to plant pepper, two to plant sago, and 278 to plant rubber, were issued during the month at Simanggang, Lingga, Engkilili, and Lubok Antu.

Medical.—A total of 191 persons were treated in the hospital during the month, as follows:—Chinese 26, Dyak 133, Malay 28, European four.

143 cases of N.A.B. injection for yaws, etc., were given during the month.

1,851 persons were vaccinated during the month.

Public Works.—Prisoners, averaging 54.89, were employed on the ornamental grounds and general upkeep of the roads.

Educational.—Mohamad Ali, Inspector of Schools, visited the Government Malay Schools in the Second

Division during the middle of the month, and returned again at the end of the month. His visit was in connection with the half-yearly examination.

Cattle.—Simanggang herd number 94 head, 1 killed for sale, and Lubok Antu herd number 43 head.

Forest Department.—The Assistant Conservator of Forests reports as follows:—Work during the month was of a routine nature. The Assistant Conservator visited Lingga, Sebuyow, and Kabong. The boundary survey of the Sabu Road Forest Reserve was completed by running a line along that portion of the Sabu Road which marches with the edge of the reserve.

The following Penghulus visited Simanggang during the month:—Pengkulu Ingkas of Entulang, Penghulu Lambai of Upper Undup, Penghulu Mekoi of Lower Undup, Penghulu Labang of Upper Skrang, Penghulu Mumin of Lower Skrang, Penghulu Renang of Lower Batang Ai, Penghulu Awan of Upper Batang Ai, Penghulu Jaul of Balau, Penghulu Unji of Lajer Spak, Penghulu Ijan of Paku, and Penghulu Isek of Betong.

Trade.—The principal exports were:—

Gutta jelutong	325 piculs valued at ...	\$ 5,849
Pepper, white	137 do. ...	8,165
Pepper, black	68 do. ...	675
Para rubber	81 do. ...	8,890
Para scrap	62 do. ...	7,172
Raw sago	60 do. ...	180

	Imports.	Exports.
February, 1926	\$16,957	\$34,690
.. 1925	24,175	34,373

Saribas.

January, 1926.

The Court Writers, Betong and Pusa, report as follows for the month of January:—

Court.—Very few cases came before the Native Courts, and fines imposed were mostly brought in by Penghulus. Betong fines amounted to \$304.18. I have no returns from Pusa.

General.—The Court Writers complain they are finding the work beyond them. They were taught one system of keeping accounts and now this has been altered, also the accounts dealing with Post Office have been continually changed.

Penghulus Unji of Spak and Jabieug of Padah visited Betong in re.cases, also to pay fines.

Abang Omar, Native Officer, arrived from Simanggang on the 16th and took over the duties of Abang Indut, late Native Officer, who has been dismissed.

Public Works.—Two prisoners at Betong were employed on felling and clearing away a *kayu ara* tree situated on river bank facing the bazaar. For many years I have tried to get this tree removed, but natives would not, stating there was an *hantu* in same and if they attempted to fell the tree they would surely die. The two prisoners were also employed in deepening ditches round the Government buildings and also repairs to the Tisak road.

The Government Dresser who was employed by the S.P.G. Mission up to end of December started work under Government on January 1st. A carpenter was employed in erecting a temporary dispensary on the ground floor of the Fort.

The Court Writer, Pusa, visited Debak during the month to attend to clerical work.

Medical.—A total of 316 people were treated in the hospital during the month, as follows:—Malays 55, Chinese 20, Dyaks 241.

191 cases of N.A.B. injection for yaws, etc., were given during the month.

Trade.—The principal exports were:—

Gutta Jelutong	120 piculs valued at ...	\$ 1,220
Para Rubber	616 do. ...	60,640
Para Scrap	111 do. ...	4,340
Raw sago	1,600 do. ...	4,027
Pepper white	5 do. ...	300

	Imports.	Exports.
January, 1926	\$87,179.00	\$79,602
.. 1925	52,055.50	86,973

February, 1926.

The Court Writers, Betong and Pusa, report as follows:—

Betong Court.—Jampi was sentenced to three months' imprisonment at Simanggang for breach of Smallpox Regulations. Cases heard before Mr. McDougall, eleven Dyaks were fined \$15 each and three Dyaks \$25 and \$100 pledge each with Government for creating disturbances and assaulting policemen on duty. Mujang was fined \$50.40, and Rena (f.) \$28.80 for incest; Bunyan and Agas were fined \$15 each over a land case, and Jamal was fined \$25 for laying claim to fruit trees. Numerous other cases were brought up in Court before Mr. McDougall but none of any special importance. Fines for the month amounted to \$600.20.

Dresser Edward Chia left for Pusa and Debak on the 4th, till the 24th, on vaccination duty. He reported that smallpox was still prevalent at Lower Saribas, with several deaths.

Mr. D.S. McDougall and Datu Abang Haji Buassan arrived from Simanggang on the 18th, accompanied by clerk Gan Kim Tho, who came to teach the working of the new system of accounts. Clerk William Hadin also arrived on the same day from Simanggang, having been appointed as clerk at this station.

On the night of the 12th, a great number of Dyaks created disturbances in the bazaar, which resulted in a big fight at the spirit farmer's shop. The six policemen who were on duty in the bazaar at the time, intervened, but they were seriously beaten and knocked about by the Dyaks.

The Native Officer, Abang Omar, and all the Dyak Penghulus, left for Simanggang on the 22nd to meet His Highness the Rajah, who was expected to arrive there the following day.

Musa, a Malay shopkeeper at Spaoh, reported that while he was putting up the night at Rumah Ajah Ulu Paku, his box containing \$449 was carried away by thieves. The box was found the next day hidden in the jungle near the house. It was suspected to be the work of the Chinese rubber tappers.

The sum of \$12,000 was remitted from the Treasury to Simanggang during the month.

One, Chai Mui Chen, sent by the Commissioner of Trade to act as Rubber Instructor, arrived on the 27th.

Agriculture.—Fifty-two permits to plant rubber have been issued during the month.

Medical.—A total of 55 people were treated in the hospital during the month, as follows:—Malay one, Chinese one, Dyak 56.

Eighteen N.A.B. injections for yaws, etc., were given during the month.

Pusa and Debak.—General.—I did not visit Debak during the month, because I was ordered to proceed to Betong in order to learn the accounts from Clerk Gan Kim Tho, who was sent over by the Resident.

Mr. H. E. Catfield, Acting Assistant District Officer of Kabong, visited Pusa and Debak on the 23rd, staying a night in each place; the next day Mr. Catfield returned to Kabong.

Health.—The Dresser Edward Chia made a visit here during the month and vaccinated the Pusa, Undai and Debak people, and inspected the natives of Beladin. According to his information, there were thirteen suffering from smallpox and six deaths.

Belong Shipping.—During the month six motor boats and one vessel entered, and seven motor boats and two vessels cleared.

Pusa.—Eleven bandongs entered the port during the month and fourteen cleared.

Trade.—The principal exports were:—

Gutta Jelutong	101 piculs valued at \$ 1,167	
Para Rubber	979 " "	75,900
Scrap	270 " "	7,362
Raw Sago	1,480 " "	3,675
Pepper White	4 " "	200
" Black	1 " "	25
	Imports.	Exports.
February, 1926	\$48,217	\$94,439
" 1925	45,475	59,609

Kalaka.

January, 1926.

The Court Writers, Kabong and Saratok, report as follows:—

Court.—Court work was very light during the month and fines imposed amounted to \$33.80.

General.—Roban is now under the control of Kabong as from 1st January, 1926, and the Court Writer, Kabong, has to visit that station once a month, until a clerk has been appointed to do duty there.

On the 25th the Court Writer, Kabong, visited Roban and returned on the 31st bringing with him Roban cash balance \$278.03 of the Kabong Treasury.

Agriculture.—Fifteen rubber garden planting permits have been issued during the month.

Cattle.—Of the 34 head of Kabong herd, one calf died during the month, leaving 33 head.

P.W.D.—1 risoners, two in number, have been employed in weeding the paths around the Fort and flower-beds during the month.

Shipping.—Four sailing vessels and two motor schooners have entered and ten vessels and two motor schooners cleared the port during the month.

Trade.—The principal exports were:—

Gutta jelutong	331 piculs valued at ...	\$ 4,274
Pepper, white	3 piculs do. ...	180
Pepper, black	8 piculs do. ...	880
Para rubber	192 piculs do. ...	20,230
Para scrap	42 piculs do. ...	2,220
Raw sago	830 piculs do. ...	2,010
Sugar nipah	67 tins do. ...	134

Imports. Exports.

January, 1926	...	\$32,602	\$36,620
" 1925	...	32,286	25,280

The following are the Trade Returns for the Division:—

	Imports.	Exports.
January, 1926	\$146,444	\$167,164
" 1925	116,133	137,374

February, 1926.

Mr. H. E. Cutfield, Assistant District Officer, reports as follows:—

Court.—Very few cases came up for hearing during the month. In the Kabong Court, Drahman was sentenced to three months' R.I. for theft, and Haji Sanyut to one year for (1) obtaining money under false pretences, and (2) criminal breach of trust.

In the Saratok Court, Umak (f.), Dyak, was sentenced to three months for theft, and a Malay woman fined \$50 for the same offence. The fine being allowed in lieu of gaol owing to her having a baby in arms.

General.—Accompanied by Mr. D. E. Calver, Assistant Conservator of Forests, I left for Simanggang in m.l. One on Thursday the 9th instant. After spending the night at Sebuyow we arrived here the following morning.

Abang Bujang, Native Officer, was confined to his house, where he had been for a week on account of sickness.

Mr. Calver returned to Simanggang the next morning.

The 13th, Saturday, being Chinese New Year, the offices were closed and the following Monday was also observed as a public holiday.

Wednesday the 24th, being Her Highness the Lantee's birthday, the office was closed and the flag-staff dressed.

On Chinese New Year's Day, Tan Eng Chong, Court Writer, reported that he had heard rumours that there was a case of smallpox at Kampong Beladin, below Pusa, in the Saribas. P. Corporal Anum was immediately sent off with a letter to the Court Writer, Pusa, asking his assistance to have everyone in the kampong vaccinated and the case of smallpox isolated. On his return on the 16th he reported that everyone in the kampong had been vaccinated by him and that there were four cases of smallpox in the kampong.

All the roads here need a lot of repair but little can be done yet on account of shortage of prison labour.

Travelling.—At 2 a.m. on the 17th, I left by boat for Saratok, which was reached by 7.40. A few cases came up for hearing but none call for special mention.

An agreement was made with Tunkang Jagan of Roban for the building of an extension to the present police barracks and the building of a gaol for \$950. The timber is already in the places where the buildings are to be erected.

On Sunday 21st, I left Saratok for Debak by the overland route, arriving there the same afternoon to find that Sedik, T. K., had gone to Singapore, and the Penghulu had taken his cases to Betong for settlement.

The Penghulu returned the next morning. I left Debak by boat early on the 23rd and arrived at Pusa at midday. Abang Dulkarim, Native Officer, was away at Simanggang, and there were no cases for settlement.

What work there was was completed in the afternoon. I was informed that there had been thirteen cases of smallpox and six deaths at Beladin.

The Tua Kampong Haji Matair had not reported any of these cases or made any attempt to isolate them, although he had been warned that if any further neglect of this kind was proved he would be severely dealt with.

I left Pusa at 2 a.m. on the morning of the 25th and called at Beladin where I interviewed the Tua Kampong, who was duly fined \$25 and warned that for any further neglect or laziness on his part he would be sentenced to a term of imprisonment. I arrived at Kanong at 8.30 a.m.

On the 26th, Court Writer Tan Eng Chong went up to Roban to settle up the month's accounts there, and was still away at the end of the month.

Cattle.—The Kabong herd is not in good condition and the cowman very unsatisfactory. During the month one calf died from a wound on its leg going septic, and this was due to neglect on the part of the cowman after he had been warned and medicine and bandages given him for use on the wound.

The Saratok herd is fat and in good condition except for one cow which is very thin and has apparently been ill for some time.

The trade statistics for the month were as follows:—

	Imports.	Exports.
February 1926	\$33,767	\$28,860
" 1925	12,584	23,456
Entered eight bandongs and two motor schooners.		
Cleared eight bandongs and two motor schooners.		
The principal exports were:—		
Gutta Jelutong 624	piculs valued at \$7,990	
Para Rubber 69	" "	6,800
" Scrap 31.70	" "	1,322
Gutta Rian 1	" "	250
Fish salted 68	jars	141
Sago Raw 26½	koyans	2,650

The following are the trade returns of the Second Division:—

	Imports.	Exports.
February, 1926	\$ 98,941.00	\$157,989.00
Total to 28/2/26	245,385.00	325,153.00
Do. do.	198,367.70	254,912.50

F. A. W. PAGE-TURNER,
Resident Second Division.

THIRD DIVISION.

Sibu.

February, 1926.

On the 4th, 5th and 6th I was absent from the station visiting Rejang, Sarikei and Binatang.

One of the leading merchants at Rejang was charged with receiving stolen property and this case appeared to be of some interest locally and occupied most of my time. The hearing was finally adjourned for witnesses not then available, and has since been dealt with by the District Officer of Lower Rejang, Mr. J. C. Swayne, who returned from furlough on the 9th and resumed his duties at Rejang on the 13th. The new Land Regulations were explained at Rejang, Sarikei and Binatang, and a few matters of minor importance settled.

The Native Officer at Binatang asked that the timber for the new mosque should be free of duty, and this request was subsequently granted. The opening of new gardens by Foochoos at Sarikei and Binatang was prohibited pending completion of survey and demarkation of existing holdings. Notices to this effect were published.

News was received here on the 19th that smallpox had broken out in Kuching which was declared an infected port. The Oya District is also infected but fortunately this Division is free from infection up to the time writing.

On the 19th a deputation of Malay headmen asked for instructions in case of an outbreak of sickness in the kampong. They asked to be allowed to treat cases in the kampong or alternatively to make their own isolation camps. They were informed that there was no objection to the latter suggestion provided that the sites for the proposed camps were approved by the Divisional Medical Officer. It is presumed that the rumour that some headmen in Kuching had been imprisoned for failing to report the outbreak of smallpox was responsible for this show of interest by the local headmen.

Much satisfaction has been expressed by all affected by the new Land Regulations allowing natives of the country to own three acres of land free of charge for the cultivation of rubber, sago, coconuts, or similar produce, in addition to land used for the cultivation of rice and vegetables. The

registration of these holdings promises to be a lengthy business as the Land Office is much understaffed and there are many applications for registration under these regulations.

The surveys of the Binatang areas were not completed at the end of the month and consequently no more land in this locality has been given to Chinese. A commencement was made to provide reserves for the Foochow immigrants to plant rubber, and it was decided at a meeting of the Central Advisory Committee, called to discuss the report submitted by the Officer in Charge of Foochow immigrants, that the land in these reserves should be divided into ten acre blocks and that one of the conditions of tenure should be the planting of a quarter of an acre in each lot with foodstuffs. It is hoped that some of these lots will be ready for occupation in March.

The Officer in Charge of Foochow immigrants returned from his tour of the Foochow Concessions on the 3rd and reported that he had appointed the following headmen in the different divisions.—

1st Area	...	Wong Kah Kiew
2nd "	...	Lu King Kee
3rd "	...	Ting Ming Kang
4th "	...	Tang Nai Tung
5th "	...	Ling Ping Tuong
6th "	...	Ha Mee Teck
7th "	...	Lau Tiu Hu
8th "	...	Lau Ka Tiew
9th "	...	Wong Tiew Siong
10th "	...	Tiong Kong Ping
11th "	...	Wong Ching Poh

He reported that he was everywhere well received and was impressed with the general air of prosperity and content. He was everywhere met with requests for more land, and this matter is receiving consideration together with other recommendations made in the report.

Dyak Affairs.—At the request of Nyanggai of Poi and some of his followers I wrote to the Chief Secretary on the 11th requesting his assistance in communicating with the Government of the Netherlands Indies in the matter of the alleged murder of six Sarawak Dyaks in Netherlands Indies Territory some four years ago. Full particulars were given and it is hoped that this matter, which has been a cause of considerable dissatisfaction for some time, will before long be finally settled.

A telegram from the District Officer of Bintulu reporting rumours of an intention on the part of the upriver Dyaks to attack the Puanas in the Ulu Kakus district was received on the 28th and a copy forwarded to the Assistant District Officer of Kapit for necessary action.

Requests from Dyaks to be allowed to purchase guns have been numerous and, in cases where there is not already a sufficiency of these in the applicants' houses, licences have been issued. Many, however, have been refused, to their great dissatisfaction, as they declare that their ripening crops of padi are being destroyed by pigs with which they cannot cope without firearms.

The m.l. Jean which had been running badly for some time finally broke down on the 19th and has been out of action since and will remain so until fitted with a new clutch.

Some excitement was caused by repeated attempts to set fire to the bazaar, and a reward of \$200 was offered by the traders for the apprehension of the offender. This resulted in the arrest of an old man who was acquitted when it was proved that the evidence of the police who arrested him was false. It is thought that there was never any intention to set fire to the houses but merely desire to frighten the occupants, as any determined attempt could not possibly have failed.

A petition was received during the month asking for rent restriction, and it may be that some discontented tenant wished to frighten his landlord into reducing his rent. Whatever the cause, no further attempts have been made.

Two Kheli Chinese, Siow Kow and Ah Kni, were charged with arson and acquitted. In this case a house was burnt to the ground and the occupant narrowly escaped with his life. It appears the wife of one of the accused found favour in the eyes of the plaintiff, and there was evidence of a violent quarrel between the two men the day before the fire, which occurred at night. Circumstantial evidence was strong against the accused, but the assessors did not consider it strong enough for a conviction.

Other cases in the Resident's Court were:—

1. Chop Leong Moi v. Law Siew Chang.
2. Chen Mook v. Agong.
3. Chop Chua Guan Ann v. Customs Department.

These were appeals against decisions of the District Court. The first was a claim for damages for the destruction of rubber during the process of smoking. Judgment in this case was given for the appellant. The second was a dispute regarding the ownership of land and the decision of the District Court was upheld. In the last case a fine of \$150 imposed by the District Court for importing gold coins under a false description was reduced to a nominal fine of \$10. The coins were imported as ornaments and not for circulation.

The weather during the month was alternately hot and rainy; Chinese New Year was wet as usual and was celebrated in the usual way. The birthday of Her Highness the Ranee was also observed as a holiday.

Mr. J. B. Archer, District Officer, Sibn, reports as follows:—

District Court.—The following persons were sentenced to terms of imprisonment:—Kee Ah Cheng, Katek, Yeo Poh Tai, six months each for theft under section 379; Ling Chong Ing and Ting Song Hee three months each under the same section; P. C. 74 Kilau two months for cheating under section 417; and Cheong Ing Pieu and Law Tiew Seng three days each for contravention of the Opium Order No. XLVII, 1924.

Eighteen Foochows were fined \$15 each for illicit gambling in their Colony. In the appeal case of Bakar vs. Timah, where Bakar appealed against the decision of the Sibn Malay Court, the appeal was dismissed with costs.

Prison Warder No. 2 Bakit was brought before the Court and dismissed for gross insubordination. There were a number of land cases.

The distances of the disputed areas combined with paucity of Land Office staff causes the cases to be held up for a considerable time. There were many other cases but none of importance.

Magistrate's and Police Court.—There were no cases deserving of special mention. Fines and fees, including substations, amounted to \$1,649.27.

Police.—The strength of the force at the end of the month was one sergeant-major, two sergeants, three corporals, eight lance-corporals, 66 constables and one detective. No recruits joined during the month.

Sergeant Gokal Singh was brought before a district court martial and severely reprimanded for conduct prejudicial to good discipline. P. C. 74 Kilau was dismissed the force, having been convicted by a Civil Court.

Training in simple musketry was started.

Prison.—The number of prisoners at the end of the month was 58. 8 men were admitted and 12 discharged.

Discipline was only fair as prisoners cannot be looked after properly whilst they are used in small gangs all over the island for various jobs. Prison labour was supplied for waterworks, water carriers, gardeners, Land Office coolies, coolies for loading and unloading ships, carpenters, roads and bridges. Three men were punished for breach of prison discipline. Five men were in hospital at the end of the month.

P. W. D.—Contracts were signed for the following new buildings:—

Eight bungalows for members of the Subordinate Service (four for Sibn and two each for Binatang and Sarikei), two new wards for the Government Hospital, Sibn, and survey coolly lines, Sibn. The new bungalow behind the Residency was practically completed and a contractor was engaged in laying out the compound. Bungalow No. 4 was half completed and should be ready by the end of next month. The contractor to erect two new bachelor bungalows arrived, but sites had not been settled upon by the end of the month.

A number of bridges were rebuilt in the Sibn kampongs, and temporary repairs made to Telephone Road.

Floods and rain have caused much damage to roads and culverts, but little can be done at this time of the year.

Mechanics from Kuching have been engaged in lagging the two boilers at Sibn waterworks but owing to shortage of asbestos this was not completed. The pumps are doing good service. Two standpipes in Sibn bazaar were removed to other sites.

On the 18th, by order of His Highness the Rajah, I was instructed to take over charge of the Sibn Municipal Department again, as it was considered that Mr. Horton, who had been gazetted recently to that position, could not spare the time to attend to these duties. At the same time Mr. Jacques resumed his seat on the Board. It is possible, therefore, many badly needed reforms will have to be held up in the meanwhile as there is a considerable amount of work on hand. A new contract was for scavenging the bazaar at a reduced figure. A fire engine was ordered from Singapore. The chaotic position of the buildings in Sibn bazaar, combined with the doubtful titles to land, and in many cases the disregard by landlords of the building within their own land, makes the ultimate administration of the bazaar an undertaking of some magnitude. A thorough scheme of drainage is necessary, and much demolition of present buildings will have to take place. Pending the arrival of an expert the Board can but attempt to keep the bazaar from getting any worse than it is at present.

Abang Latip, Native Officer, returned on the 25th from a visit to Dyaks in the upper Sarikei and Julau. He had nothing of importance to report excepting some complaints against Forest Guard Bakri, who has since been found guilty of breach of trust and sentenced to imprisonment.

Hadji Gapor, Native Officer, was given three weeks' leave to Kuching.

On the 19th I accompanied the Resident to Pulo Dudong where we inspected land. The Malays at Pulo Kladi appear to be doing well, and a small kampong has sprung up there. Accompanied by Abang Enjah, Native Officer, I left for Sarikei on the 26th and was still away at the end of the month. Whilst in Sarikei I sounded the depth of water at Muara Nyelong with a view to putting up a small wharf there for Government launches. At dead low tide a 50-feet wharf gives a depth of $1\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms. As there is some timber in stock at Sarikei a contractor has offered to erect this wharf for a sum

between \$500 to \$600. This wharf would be a great advantage as launches now lie alongside the bazaar and prevent Chinese launches and boats from using their own jetties.

Five inquests were held during the month, four on drowned Foochow, and one on a Malay greaser who died suddenly in s.l. *L'Aubaine* when that ship was in Sibü.

The Wireless Stations at Binatang and Kapit have been giving trouble and Ah Jian visited both these places with, however, little result. The telephone across the Nyelong River parted on 29th, having been struck by the foremast of s.l. *Chamois*. This was repaired the same day.

Mr. Miller-Hallett, Land Officer, was in the Binatang district until 16th when he returned to Sibü. Since then he has been employed on a rentis in the Foochow Colony.

Kapit.

February, 1926.

Mr. R. E. Le Sueur, Acting Assistant District Officer, reports as follows:—

General.—I was absent from the station from the 6th to the 18th visiting the Katibas district.

Report of this trip I have forwarded under separate cover. On the 19th the s.l. *Chamois* arrived with Messrs. McLeod and Bishop and returned to Sibü that same day. Mr. P. Cobbold, of Borneo Company, Limited, also visited this station on the 19th and left the next morning per s.s. *Sarawak*. The 24th, being Her Highness the Ranees' birthday, the offices were closed.

In spite of the visit of a mechanic of the Wireless Department the wireless was still out of action at the end of the month. On the 1st an old Dyak woman committed suicide in the bazaar. She was the wife of one of the bazaar Chinese and had been ill for some time. An inquest was held and found that deceased had committed suicide while of unsound mind.

Mr. Chua Ah Kee of Kapit bazaar was appointed *Kapitan China* for the term of one year.

Court.—There were few cases before the Court and none worthy of special note. Fines and fees amounted to \$122.61.

Treasury.—During the month the station was visited by Wong Leong Chee, Treasury Clerk, who assisted the Court Writer in starting the new accounts. The January accounts have been completed and forwarded to Sibü and the February accounts have been brought up to date.

Military.—The usual parades and fatigues were carried out during the month.

Dairy Farm.—The herd numbered fourteen at the end of the month. Three cows and calves were sent down to Kuching per s.s. *Sarawak*.

Prison.—The prison gang averaged 22 men and were employed on ornamental grounds and the bazaar roads. The prison carpenter was employed on minor repairs to boats and buildings.

Trade and Shipping.—s.s. *Sarawak* and s.l. *Soon Aik* made two trips each during the month, s.l. *Chamois* and s.l. *Ulu* one each.

Exports for the month are as follows:—

	piculs	50.23	value	\$5,470
Gutta Percha	piculs	78.45	"	8,832
Plantation Rubber	"	3.35	"	281
India Rubber	"	130.87	"	4,284
Damar Daging	"	178.14	"	965
Rottan Segu No. 1	"	1,096.06	"	4,705
Rottan Tot No. 2	"			

Mr. R. E. Le Sueur, Acting Assistant District Officer, reports as follows concerning his visit to the Katibas district:—

Leaving Kapit on the 7th I arrived at Song where I spent the night. The following morning I proceeded up river. Near the mouth of the Katibas there are three Dyak houses, beyond which there are no more houses until S. Engkuah is reached. The land between is all old farming land with here and there small clumps of fruit and rubber, the sites of old houses.

The boundary in this river is at N. Engkuah where Penghulus Briak and Sirai have their houses. It usually takes from three to four days from the mouth to reach this point, but as the river was very low I managed to do the journey in two days. This river is very difficult to travel up as it consists of a series of small rapids with a few larger ones such as Batu Labang, and Wong Temedu. If this river is in flood it is not safe to come down river and impossible to proceed up river.

I stayed several days at Penghulu Briak and Sirai's house and went up river, beyond the boundary, for some distance. Very fine country but difficult of access owing to the everlasting series of shallows, rapids, and small waterfalls.

On my way down river I first visited Sungei Bangkit. This river is even more difficult of access than the Katibas. The boundary is at Nanga Prah, only a very short distance from the main river.

At present T. R. Paing lives at this boundary; his house is newly built and at present consists of only four doors. Beyond the boundary Ingkok, with five doors, has farmed and intends building a house there, and far away in the *ulu* some ex-Gat Dyaks (six doors) who came over from Dutch territory last year and are living in temporary huts until after the harvest. These Dyaks have been ordered to move down to the main river as soon as they have harvested.

T. R. Unyat, with eighteen doors, has settled in the *ulu* Sungei Stibang, a very small stream. He also has been ordered to move down river after the harvest. I next visited Sungei Musa; there are many Dyaks living on this stream and several large and substantial houses have been built. I have made Nanga Stapang the boundary and T. R. Dungkong, who lives there, responsible for reporting to Song Fort any Dyaks who attempt to settle beyond this point. In the Sungei Tengagai, a small tributary of the Musa, there are two houses, one eight and one of ten doors, very far away up river where no boat can reach them. I sent for the Tuai Runah of these two houses, Gaseung and Bruang, and warned them that they must move down to the main river.

In the Sungei Tekalit, a comparatively large tributary of the Katibas, there are sixteen Dyak houses. I have made the boundary at Nanga Latong. One house of six doors has been built above this point and orders have been given for its removal down river. T. R. Ngabong, son of Penghulu Usit (deceased), has a house of thirty doors at Nanga Latong, and he has been made responsible to report any Dyaks who try to settle further up river.

I would suggest that a *matu* (sub-penghulu) be appointed to both the streams Tekalit and Musa, especially the former.

The following gives the number of Dyak houses and approximate totals of doors in this district:—

Katibas (main river, including Sungei Bangkit) thirty-seven houses amounting to four hundred and fifty doors (approximate).

Sungei Musa ten houses amounting to one hundred and forty-three doors.

Sungei Tekalit sixteen houses amounting to one hundred and ninety-eight doors.

Padi is in good condition all over the district but the harvest will be somewhat later than in the Balieh and *ulu* Rejang.

I returned to Kapit on the night of the 18th after having spent a day at Song attending to various matters there.

Rejang.*January, 1926.*

The Court Writer reports as follows:—

Court.—There have been very few cases before the Court during the month and none of these are worth special mention.

General.—The 1st and 2nd were observed as holidays as directed by His Highness the Rajah.

On the 11th Mr. H. Jacques, Divisional Treasurer, Sibn, arrived from Matu at 4.30 p.m. by m.l. Jean in order to show me the way to keep the new accounts books. He returned to Sibn the next day at 4.30 p.m.

On the 13th the eclipse of the sun visible from 2.40 p.m. lasting to 3.45 p.m.

Health.—The health of the district was fairly good during the month.

Prisoners.—The prisoners, averaging two, have been engaged on upkeep of the ornamental grounds.

Rainfall.—The total rainfall for the month was 12.21.

Trade.—The total trade returns for the month were as follows:—

January Foreign Export	1926	\$56,720	1925	\$54,975
" Import	"	9,445	"	5,224
" Local Export	"	7,687	"	1,267
" Import	"	19,776	"	18,581

Shipping.—Five steamers and eight motor ships entered the port while eight steamers and five motor ships cleared.

February, 1926.

Mr. J. C. Swayne, District Officer, reports as follows:—

General.—I arrived here on the 13th from Sibn. The 13th and 15th, Chinese New Year, and the 24th, Her Highness the Rance's birthday, were observed as holidays.

As no European Officer has been stationed here in 1925, the station is not in as good order as I could wish. The roads are in a bad state, part of the kampong road has been washed away and will require to be re-made inland, the road through and the past bazaar is overgrown and the foot-bridges have disappeared. All Government buildings require repair. No quarters are provided for the dresser, who, at present, shares the house of the Native Officer. I have asked that allowance may be made for these in the yearly estimates.

I have to thank His Highness the Rajah for allowing s.l. *Mermoid* to be stationed here. Visits were paid to Daro and Selalang.

Court.—Several minor civil cases were settled. A case of breach of agreement was tried in which defendant had agreed to tap plaintiff's rubber trees, the cut not to exceed one-third of the bark, on examination it was found that over one thousand trees had more than half of the bark cut and judgment was given for the plaintiff. Defendant appealed against the decision. A case of receiving stolen property was adjourned for further evidence to be collected, and a reward has been offered for sufficient information to lead to a conviction; as over two thousand dollars worth of cargo was removed from a trading bandong there is no doubt that several persons must have been concerned. The juragan of the boat absconded to Singapore before the theft was discovered.

Prisoners, numbering six, three of whom come from Sibn, have been at work round the station. Heavy rain has hampered their work.

Medical.—Dr. L. B. Haye, Divisional Medical Officer, reports as follows:—

January, 1926.

The total number of patients treated at Sibn hospital was 587, being an average of 19 daily. The total number of in-patients was 78.

There were six deaths in hospital due to the following causes:—Beriberi, fracture of spine, pyopneumothorax, nephritis, complicating pregnancy, and meningitis.

Eleven operations were performed under general anaesthetic. 143 arsenical injections were given.

Sibn is still free from smallpox and no cases have been reported in the Third Division. Several cases of a mild form of para-typhoid have occurred but not in any way approaching an epidemic; though with the onset of the dry weather and the present insanitary condition existing in the bazaar an epidemic is by no means improbable.

Several cases of malaria have been treated in hospital, nearly every case being a Foochow immigrant. The state of health amongst the European population is good.

February, 1926.

The number of in-patients treated at hospital during the month amounted to 111.

There were 686 out-patients attendances, being an average of 24.5 daily. 111 arsenical injections were given.

Six deaths occurred in the hospital due to the following causes:—Beriberi, maxillary abscess, typhoid, chronic nephritis, chronic dysentery, and moistgangrene.

Seventeen operations and three post-mortems were performed this month, one post-mortem on a patient who died with septic lung; one on a Malay who died suddenly on s.s. *L'Aubaine*, and one on a Chinese who died suddenly in the bazaar, death was due in both cases to heart failure.

911 Foochow immigrants were inspected during the month; of these 32 were treated in hospital.

Influenza and pneumonia have been prevalent during the month, in most cases, I am pleased to be able to say, of a mild type.

Immigration and Emigration.—Mr. R. D. St. J. Horton, Officer-in-Charge of Shipping, reports as follows:—

1. Immigration.

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total
Singapore ...	584	164	257	1,005
Via Kuching ...	2	3	1	6
Total	586	167	258	1,011

2. Returned on Passport.

Singapore ...	62	9	—	71
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3. Emigrants.

Singapore ...	33	3	1	37
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H. B. CROCKER,
Resident Third Division.

COAST DIVISION.**Mukah and Balingian.***January, 1926.*

General.—Native Officer Abang Haji Mohidin returned from Balingian by the overland route on the 1st, accompanied by Pengulu Anding and witnesses for the 1922 murder case; he reports having attended to all available Court work there, but owing to the outbreak of smallpox, especially amongst the Sungei Arip (Saribas) Dyaks, most of the native population had fled to the jungle.

Although Balingian is only about 20 miles from Mukah as the crow flies the nearest overland route takes the best part of three days as against eight hours in the motor launch by sea; the latter method, however, only being possible during the fine monsoon.

An almost total eclipse of the sun took place on the 14th, causing great consternation amongst local natives and preventing the sailing of several schooners; there was a wonderful change in the weather after the occurrence of this phenomenon.

The District Officer, Oya and Dalat, Mr. P. M. Adams, telephoned his return to duty on the 16th.

A number of Dyaks under one Saka requested permission to remove from the upper to the lower Metling River; this was refused as these men had been heavily fined for attempting this move in 1922.

Sabu bin Hassan, a Sarawak Malay, was drowned on the 6th while boating down from Sisok with his wife and a large cargo of fruit; a squall upset the boat (a hardwood dugout), Sabu sank at once but his wife managed to swim ashore. Sabu's body was never recovered and, as there was a strong current running at the time, it is surmised that he was carried out to sea.

All local weights and measures were checked during the month.

A Forester, one Abu, was appointed for duty in this district as from 1st January.

Courts.—All available witnesses who had appeared in the original hearing were collected from Balingian, but all failed to identify the Dyak prisoners, Chandang and Unggat, accused on the confession of one Nipa, just before his execution, of the murder of three Chinese at Balingian in 1922; as no fresh evidence was forthcoming Kuching was informed and His Highness the Rajah was pleased to order their discharge.

Sibar, a Dyak, the Government Wakil in the Penipah district, was fined \$100 for concealing smallpox cases, and for failing to report Dyak affairs.

The disappearance of Sabu, a Sarawak Malay, was inquired into, the Court being satisfied there was no suspicion of foul play, a verdict of accidental drowning was recorded.

P.C. Morhaban bin Taha was convicted of incest and sentenced to a term of imprisonment in Kuching goal.

A lunatic prisoner, Sa'at bin Kaling, now certified as sane, who had been detained in Kuching at His Highness the Rajah's pleasure in connection with the death of a woman in 1922, was by order of His Highness, released on the 18th instant.

The usual number of sago boundary disputes and debt cases were dealt with, and many Chinese traders were reminded of the Debt Pass Book Regulations of 1905, in order to prevent misunderstanding; a number of Pass Books have since been registered and a stamp fee of 50 cents charged. Other Court cases call for no particular comment. Much petty theft was reported but the local Police seem either unable or unwilling to make any arrest.

Health.—Dresser Ah Heng returned from smallpox duty at Balingian on the 1st; he reported many deaths amongst the Dyaks, chiefly Seribas of Sungai Arip including their Chief Penghulu Mulok, who recently sent word that his people were prepared to pay any fine rather than be vaccinated. The Rejang Dyaks under Penghulu Anding were apparently clear of smallpox at the time but the opportunity was taken of vaccinating as many as possible; no further cases were reported amongst the down river Chinese, Malays, or Melanans, most of whom have since been vaccinated by the Court Writer.

Vaccinator Anthony Harry arrived from Sibn on the 6th and proceeded to Balingian the following day to continue the vaccination of the interior Dyaks.

Dresser Ah Heng's report on the incidence of smallpox was telegraphed to the Health Officer, Kuching, and the Divisional Medical Officer, Sibn, and this culminated in instructions from headquarters to quarantine the whole coast.

The Acting Resident, Sibn, also requested strict quarantine between the Oya and Dalat district and the Third Division; the District Officer, Oya and Dalat, being on leave at the time, instructions were given to the Native Officers of Oya and Dalat to control all traffic through the Cut or from Igan, and the Court Writers were authorised to vaccinate all unvaccinated persons arriving from or leaving for the Third Division. Some trouble was experienced by the Native Officers with Haji Urai, the village Chief of Igan, who endeavoured to obstruct their orders. Haji Urai's behaviour has since been reported to the District Officer, Oya and Dalat.

Public Works.—The waterworks plant was inspected regularly during the month.

The carpenter had not completed the required number of standpipe platforms at the end of the month, and two men were still employed painting the water towers.

Several new belian bridges were erected on the Telian path under the supervision of the village Chiefs, those under reconstruction include the bridges over the Sungai Ubong and Sungai Misan.

Heavy floods did a lot of damage to paths and bridges all over the District. Notices were prepared regarding the control of the water supply, and forbidding persons to bathe at the standpipes or to draw water into their houses by means of chutes; the question of levying suitable water rate was again discussed, and the proposals forwarded to Kuching for consideration.

The Government carpenters completed certain alterations to the Government Offices in order to accommodate the clerical staff.

The Tamil labourers were employed clearing the new football ground at the Kuala, and cleaning the plantations recently acquired by Government for station extension purposes, they also cleaned the drains of the Upper Penakub path.

Divisional Treasury.—After getting the revised methods of accounting into operation locally, Divisional Treasury Clerk Francis N. Lim left for Balingian to instruct the Court Writer there.

A fresh set of books and instructions for the Divisional Post Office were received and put into operation during the month. Owing to the shortage of small change in the various bazaars, thought to be due to the native tendency to hoard metal coin by burial, a drum of \$900 in nickel was received from Sibn Treasury and put into circulation both here and at Oya.

Prison.—The prison gang, averaging 10-26 men, was employed on the general upkeep of the station grounds, and pulling down and removing the old female gaol for re-erection on the new site.

Trade and Shipping.—The trade returns for the month are as follows:—

	Coasting Imports.	Coasting Exports.
Mukah	nil	\$23,695
Balingian	nil	nil

The rainfall recorded shows 20 inches.

Bintulu.

January, 1926.

Mr. H. H. Kortright, District Officer of Bintulu, reports as follows:—

Courts.—Work in all Courts has been fairly light. Tua Kampong Payah of Pandan was fined \$100 for deserting his kampong and refusing to return. Tua Kampong Dahi was imprisoned for 6 months for not reporting smallpox cases in his kampong. This man has been instructed many times concerning this and has already been fined for the same offence. Bol, Dyak, one month for refusing vaccination, another named Abang wanted for this also has bolted. There were several cases of minor importance.

Health.—At the beginning of the month the smallpox isolation camp was empty but on the 10th Awang Jahari, Forest Guard, contracted the disease and was isolated; four other cases occurred here during the month. At Pandan, and in several streams in that neighbourhood, the epidemic has been pretty bad. There have been 36 deaths this month. It is quite hopeless to do anything for these people; Puanas are especially bad and deliberately move from place to place with the sickness on them, and it is impossible to prevent this, scattered about as they are.

Mr. R. V. Palfreman, who had come over from Tatau for a few days visit, went up river to Sebauh and Pandan to enforce vaccination amongst the Dyaks and others there. The Dresser was doing his best at this, but all his efforts were being passively resisted. Mr. Palfreman was away nearly a week and visited several Dyak houses; he seems to have successfully overcome their objections to vaccination by mere persuasion, as the Dresser's last report states that there are hundreds of Dyaks now coming in to be vaccinated. The women held out against it until the bitter end but eventually gave in.

During the month 1,262 vaccinations were given.

General.—Mr. O. Lang, Superintendent of Police, arrived here on the 5th on s.s. *Gladys* and left again on the 9th by same vessel for Miri, returning again on the 25th on s.s. *Auby* for Kuching.

Boon Snee, a clerk to take the place of Ah Chin resigned, arrived from Miri by *Alice Lorraine* on 25th and took up his duties here the following day.

One Seman has, subject to the approval of His Highness the Rajah, been appointed Tua Kampong to take the place of Salleh imprisoned for concealing smallpox in his own house.

M. L. Nellie has been lent to this station until the new launch arrives, and was brought from Limbang by s.s. *Auby* on the 25th. This launch, although too small to go out to sea, will be most useful for river work running between Bintulu, Sebauh and Tuban.

Trade.—Trade has been good all the month and large cargoes of jelutong have been exported, also a great number of belian attaps.

The s.s. *Auby* arrived off the port on the 2nd, but for the second time running failed to enter. A pilot was on his way out to the vessel when she up-anchored and steamed away.

The Managing Director of Sarawak Steamship Co. has now given definite instructions to the Captain of *Auby*, with the result that on the 25th, although the sea was much rougher than on the two previous occasions, the *Auby* entered without any difficulty.

The trade returns for the month are as follows:—

	1926.	1925.
Imports ...	\$41,254.49	\$30,431.40
Exports	71,406.32	50,122.28

The following vessels entered and cleared the port during the month:—

Entered	4 steamers	schooners	nil
Cleared	5	"	"

The rainfall was 15.44 inches.

Tatau.

January, 1926.

Mr. R. V. Palfreman, Acting Assistant District Officer, Tatau, reports as follows:—

In accordance with a written request from the District Officer, Bintulu, I left on the 7th instant for Sparai and Bintulu. After a short stay at Bintulu the District Officer requested me to proceed to Sebauh and Pandan to carry out certain duties mostly concerning the smallpox. I returned to Bintulu and leaving there again on the 19th instant I arrived at Tatau the same evening. Fortunately the sea was very calm although there was little or no wind to use for sailing, and therefore the boat had to be paddled most of the way.

Courts.—Two Puanas, by name Tana Avang and Jok, were each sentenced to 3 months' R.I. for cheating. Many fines were imposed on Dyaks for breach of Forest Regulations. A summons has been issued against a Malay by name Salus, the son of Haji Ismail of Kuala Tatau, for getting Dyaks to work belian fencing for him stating that the Government had authorised him to do this.

Since the Dyaks under Penghulu Tamboh's authority have been complaining lately against this Penghulu, on my arrival from Bintulu a meeting was called of all the *tuai* in his district and they were invited to make any complaints they had to make at once, and before Penghulu Tamboh and myself. One or two complaints were then made, but these mostly concerned the Dyak law as interpreted by Penghulu Tamboh and did not in any way show that Penghulu Tamboh is unfit to remain as Penghulu. These complaints and questions having been duly attended to the *tuai* were told that it would be useless to grumble against the Penghulu in the future, and that if they disagreed with any of his decisions they could always inform him they wished to open an appeal and that he would be the last to attempt to stop them doing so, but that should they attempt to open any appeal that was obviously only a try on that they would be fined for doing so. The whole trouble as usual appears to have been caused by one or two dissatisfied Dyaks who, seeing that a new European had arrived in the station, hoped to incense this European against the Penghulu.

Health.—The health of the station is still good, but two Malays from Bintulu who developed smallpox in a "jelutong hut" were at once turned out of the district and sent to Bintulu, they had no contact with Dyaks and the disease should not spread. On my arrival at Bintulu the District Officer, Mr. H. H. Kortright, informed me that the Tatau River was to be quarantined, as regards the Balingian district, where the smallpox is reported to be very rife. A letter was at once sent to Penghulu Tamboh ordering him to proceed to all the Dyak houses in the various tributaries of the Tatau which are used as roads to and from Balingian, and to inform the *Tuai Rumahs* of these houses that should they receive people from Balingian they will be liable to a heavy fine or perhaps imprisonment. On my return I found that Penghulu Tamboh had duly carried out these instructions and a day or two later a report was received from *Tuai Rumah Jelai* that

two Dyaks from Balingian who had come overland, had already been ordered to return at once and had done so without demur, these Dyaks were not even allowed by the Jelai Dyaks to come up into the Jelai houses.

T.K. Haji Ismail has also been told that he is to stop any Balingian boats from entering the river.

P.W.D.—The two Punan prisoners are working on the ditches round the Fort and along the sides of the road in front of the Fort.

The Dyaks have been ordered to clear the site for the wireless station within ten days from 24th instant.

General.—With the sanction of the District Officer, Bintulu, two Chinese towkays, by name Ah Keng and Ah Hong, have been allowed to build two new shops on the down river side of the bazaar.

Also with the sanction of the District Officer, Bintulu, the Dyak boundary up river has been extended as far as the River Tau, since this river forms a much better boundary than the River Sana, in that it is a large river and also is only a half a tanjong above the mouth of the Sana.

During the month 207 rubber planting permits were taken out; this rubber all having been planted by the Dyaks some time ago. The Dyaks have been informed that should they plant any more rubber they will be fined and the rubber will be pulled up.

The Dyaks are continually being told to plant sago instead of rubber but so far I regret to say no sago has been planted.

Penghulu Buaya paid a visit to the station on the 24th instant and requested that he be released from being a Penghulu, since he states he is becoming too old to work any longer and also does not feel up to continually having to visit various houses for cases, etc. He was informed that he could not be released at once but that Government would consider the matter.

Shipping.—No vessels entered or cleared the port during the month.

Trade Returns.—Imports \$8,855.00; Exports \$3,774.62.

Oya and Dalat.

February, 1926.

The District Officer, Mr. P. M. Adams, reports as follows:—

Court.—Two Chinese traders were fined \$25 each for being in possession of false passu measures.

A decision made by T.K. of Igan was reversed and one Lai imprisoned to 6 months for theft of a fishing net.

Clerical.—The shortage of clerks, to which I have alluded repeatedly, was even more noticeable in dealing with annual reports and statistics. Changing over to the latest system of bookkeeping added to the congestion of work. This, however, has been, it is hoped, successfully accomplished.

Dyak Affairs.—Ex Penghulu Umpiang claimed he had received no commission on tax for 4 years, one year being about 1917. The matter was gone into and he was paid fifty dollars, or one year's commission, in settlement. As Penghulus do nothing towards collecting the tax, except take the commission, it has been decided to collect through the Tuai Rumah in future, who will be held responsible for the number of doors in their respective houses. If this is a failure poll tax at \$2 per head will be enforced.

Travelling.—I visited Igan and inspected the lighthouse and keeper's quarters. These latter were built by the keeper himself for \$300. The building has not been completed, and what there is of it is not worth more than \$50. He was told to rectify this in the shortest possible time or take the consequences. It was not until lately that I was aware that such a contract had been made. The T.K. Igan complained of people building houses too close to each other in the kampong. He was

given authority to chose sites for any new houses it was proposed to erect, in order to avoid overcrowding, and to order old disused stacks to be demolished. I spent from 23rd—29th at Dalat.

Surveys.—The surveyor finished mapping all rubber gardens at Igan and has now come to Oya preparatory to returning to Kuching. The chainman was taken ill at Igan and was sent by express boat to Sibiu for medical treatment. These two men have done excellent work during the time they have been here and have wasted no time.

Land.—Quit rent has been collected under the terms of the new land order and this heading should show a substantial increase of revenue. It will be late in being collected as the acreage cannot be determined until the maps are ready.

Treasury.—\$300 in nickel one cent coins was sent from Mukah to assist in alleviating the small coin shortage.

P.W.D.—I arranged to have Native Officer's quarters repaired for \$35, the material being available from old stocks. Tenders were received from various Sibiu contractors for erecting the New Court House, Oya, but their price and the period for completion were too long to be accepted. I am now trying to obtain a contractor locally.

Health.—As far as is known this has been good.

General.—I returned from Kuching via Sibiu on the 16th and found everything in order. Owing to the increase of smallpox epidemic at Balingian strict quarantine regulations were enforced by the Divisional Officer and nobody allowed to travel without being vaccinated. A police guard was placed at the Igan end of Sungei Kut for this purpose.

The trade returns were:—Imports \$1,880.00; Exports \$2,214.00.

Shipping.—No boats entered but four cleared during the month.

Prisoners.—The average of prisoners was 7.29.

W. F. DE V. SKRINE,

Acting Divisional Officer.

FIFTH DIVISION.

Lawas and Trusan.

January, 1926.

Court.—In the Resident's Court, Rabun and Joyo were imprisoned four and five years respectively for housebreaking by night. There were three cases of criminal intimidation, but two of them were reduced to a charge of common assault for which Lam Chong and Ho Hong, plaintiff and defendant, were fined \$5 or one month and ordered to deposit \$25 to be of good behaviour for six months, and Ah Soo, defendant in the second case, was fined \$10 or one month and bound over for six months. In the third Sidan Riak was sentenced to six months' R.I. for threatening with a gun whilst drunk. The charge of procuring an abortion brought against Saran Singa (f.) and her daughter Gadong Buaya was dismissed, as was the charge of attempted murder against Buaya Singa, father of Gadong. Ballang Lagang, at whose instigation the prosecution was instituted, was fined \$100 or one year's imprisonment for bringing a false charge with intent to injure. In the District Court, Nasir was fined \$25 or three months for furnishing false information. In the Magistrate's Court five Javanese were imprisoned for arriving from B.N.B. without a pass and several Sundar Malays fined for breach of buffalo fence regulations. Dullah bin Senudin was fined for refusing to assist a public servant, and a case of theft dismissed.

Prisoners.—The average number of prisoners during the month was ten. They were employed in clearing away a landslide at the back of the bungalow, renewing some of the *tiangs* of the stables, and clearing the ditches which were filled in during the flood.

Public Works.—Posts and planks have been ordered from Muruts and Malays but it is doubtful if they can be delivered until after the harvest. All efforts to obtain coolies for road work have proved fruitless up to the present. This is particularly unfortunate as the weather during the latter part of the month was very favourable for this kind of work.

Travelling.—On 7th I went down to Kayangan in the evening where I discussed various matters with Mr. Cook. I left for Sundar early on 8th and went up to Trusan next day. I returned to Lawas via Awat-Awat on 11th. On 15th I went to Mero-pok where I held Court returning the same day. On 22nd I left for Sundar to meet the Resident there. On arrival I found that he had been forced to turn back on 21st on account of rough sea. On 25th I was unable to get back by launch on account of the sea so went up to Trusan and walked across. The road was in good order after the dry spell. On 27th the Resident arrived, returning to Limbang on 31st.

Agriculture.—The padi crop suffered from the heavy flood at the beginning of the month and the drought which followed will have no good effect.

Rainfall.—The rainfall recorded was as follows:—

Lawas ...	13.97 inches
Lawas Estate ...	25.99 "
Trusan ...	19.62 "

The heavy rain on the night of the 9th caused an abnormal flood. At Lawas the water was up to the counters in the shops and at Trusan the road to Menggagah was four feet under water. At Sundar the torrent rushing under the bungalow was about three feet deep and did considerable damage to the banks. Before long it will become necessary to move the bungalow further back. In contrast to this heavy rain there was a drought for the last part of the month, only 11 inch being recorded at Lawas between 14th and 31st.

Shipping.—S.S. *Alice Lorraine* called at Kayangan on 20th to load timber for Kuching and s.s. *Auby* came in on 21st. She took away some sawn timber for Kuching and a sample shipment of logs for Singapore. M.L. *Adele* made four trips to Labuan.

Miscellaneous.—A Tagal murderer named Iuchur who was sent to Kuching in 1923 as insane was sent back during the month pronounced sane. He has gone to live in Panai's house, having been released on condition that he reports once a month.

Trade.—The trade returns are as follows:—

FOREIGN.

Lawas.—	Imports.	Exports.
January, 1926 ...	\$22,845	\$47,575
" " 1925 ...	13,586	33,412

Trusan.—		
January, 1926 ...	\$13,432	\$14,111
" " 1925 ...	5,088	8,794

COASTING.

Lawas.—		
January, 1926 ...	\$ 619	\$ 292
Trusan.—		
January, 1926 ...	\$ 1,455	\$ 1,585

February, 1926.

Court.—In the Resident's Court, Goh Huan was sentenced to seven years in Kuching jail under section 307, and Peter Chia, *alias* Eng Watt, to five years under section 409, which sentence was to date from 18.8.25. Goh Huan was also sentenced to eighteen months' R.I. in the District Court for voluntarily causing hurt on two counts, and in the Magistrate's Court to three months simple imprisonment under section 309. He made a feeble attempt to commit suicide by jumping into the river whilst a number of persons were near-by. Evidently he

wanted to create a sensation. Four local shopkeepers were fined \$25 apiece for breach of the Petroleum Regulations.

Datu Haji Moasili was sent over to Lawas to confer with Native Officer there regarding the winding-up of the estate of Blio Usman, late Tua Kampong of Sluating.

Wireless Department.—Mr. Cox arrived by the *Auby* on the 13th with the wireless installation for this station, which was working by the 17th, the aerials being temporarily hung from a couple of trees. The masts, with the aid of some hundred persons, were got into position by the 22nd. In fact only one day was spent in actually erecting these.

Travelling.—I went over to Brunei on the 6th to pay a farewell visit to the British Resident who is shortly going on leave, and accompanied him to Pandaruan on the 8th, returning to Limbang the same day. There was nothing doing at Pandaruan, which is a very dead and alive spot.

I was at Danau from the 21st to the 23rd.

General.—The prospects of a good harvest have been much lessened by the prolonged drought. The hill padi is practically all spoilt, but there is still hope that a large portion of the swamp padi will survive.

There has been no rain for nearly two months, and there is every sign of the drought continuing; the hillside streams have all dried up and the dam which feeds the bungalows and bazaar is empty, thus the water question has become acute. This more than ever points to the urgent necessity of putting in a larger water supply, by pushing forward the work of building a new dam at Bukit Hitam.

Four prisoners, Eng Watt *alias* Peter Chia, Hokien, Choyo and Amat, Javanese, and Awang, half Dyak and half Saba, escaped from the gang on the 21st whilst collecting wood at Sembiling for erecting the wireless masts. Neighbouring States were warned by wireless and a message was also sent to Baram and an express to Lawas. Up to the end of the month they were still at large, but their recapture is only a matter of time.

Public Works.—It has been decided to erect the new Court and schoolhouse in Kampong Limpaung, and not on the site of the old building close to the bazaar. It is thought this latter will serve a more useful purpose by being split up into building plots for extension to the bazaar. His Highness the Rajah's permission will be applied for to be allowed to dispose of the plots by public auction.

The road coolies finished cleaning the ditches and seventh mile round, and started on the third mile round. They also assisted with hoisting the wireless masts, and in dumping sand and stone at the new site for the Malay School and teacher's house.

The prisoners averaged 27.09. The gang was employed in weeding ditches on the Sungei Poyan road, levelling and raising a site for the new boat shed, cutting timber for erecting wireless masts and generally assisting Mr. Cox and his men.

Shipping and Trade.—Forty-six head of buffalo were shipped to Kuching and seventeen to Miri.

The *Auby* and *Sulong* each made one trip from Kuching whilst the local launches called in seven times.

The trade returns are as under:—

	Exports.	Imports.
Foreign	\$17,282	\$16,444
Coasting	5,972	12,905
	\$23,254	\$29,349
B'forward	28,234	24,728
Total to date	\$51,488	\$54,077
1925	\$42,676	\$39,019

F. F. BOULT,
Resident Fifth Division.

Kuching, Foreign Trade Returns for the month of Feb., 1926.

IMPORTS—(Continued.)

IMPORTS.

ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Ammunition ...	...	\$ 545
Arrack, etc. ...	...	7,000
Biscuits ...	...	5,470
Blachan ...	piculs 38	577
Blankets ...	...	1,336
Brass and Copper plates, sheets and sheathing ...	...	208
Brass & copperware ...	...	3,224
Boots & shoes ...	...	5,153
Butter & cheese ...	...	1,502
Candles ...	...	1,056
Canvas ...	...	1,793
Cement ...	casks 1,058	5,895
Cinematographic films ...	...	15,600
Clocks and watches ...	...	2,164
Cloth		
Cotton ...	...	64,447
Silk and woollen ...	...	19,010
Clothing		
Cotton ...	...	5,075
Sarongs ...	...	16,272
Coffee		
Liberian, etc. ...	piculs 92½	4,291
In tins ...	...	912
Confectionery ...	...	1,568
Cotton seed ...	...	1,874
Crockery and glassware ...	...	12,375
Curry stuff and sauce, etc. ...	...	7,456
Cycles and motor cycles and accessories ...	...	4,332
Damar torches ...	...	262
Drugs and Chemicals		
Cyanide, etc. ...	case 1	100
For manuf. purposes ...	...	1,492
Drugs and medicine ...	...	10,288
Druggists and dentists ...	...	30
Eggs, fresh and salted ...	no. 68,600	2,508
Electrical goods and apparatus ...	...	1,404
Exports returned to shippers ...	...	12
Firearms ...	...	2,920
Fireworks ...	...	4,118
Fish		
Dried and Salted ...	piculs 935½	27,146
In tins ...	...	8,414
Flour ...	bags 2,282	8,587
Fruit		
Fresh ...	...	6,546
Dried and preserved ...	...	1,916
In tins ...	...	2,478
Furniture ...	...	8,918
Glass ...	piculs 18½	1,649
Gold leaf ...	ozs. 413	14,120
Grains		
Beans and peas ...	piculs 657½	6,607
Padi ...	piculs 825	3,300
Rice ...	piculs 17,098½	131,993
Other sorts ...	piculs 8,801	8,801
Gummies, new ...	bales 42	9,208
Do. old ...	bundles 19	740
Hams and bacon ...	...	843
Hats ...	...	4,475
Iron and Steel		
Bars, plates and rods, etc. ...	...	3,820
Cooking and household ...	...	2,378
Corrugated and galvanised ...	...	1,597
Other manufactures of iron and steel ...	...	13,166
Jewellery ...	...	5,360
Joss-sticks and papers ...	...	8,654
Lard ...	piculs 96½	3,894
Lamps ...	...	2,804
Leather ...	piculs 8½	783
Do. Manufactures of ...	...	2,215
Live stock		
Cattle ...	head 36	3,600
Poultry ...	no. 9	10
Machinery ...	...	31,572
Mats ...	...	2,163
Matches ...	cases 286	2,801
Macaroni and vermicelli ...	...	1,638
Milk, Condensed and sterilised ...	cases 879	10,875
Motor lorries and cars ...	...	15,200
Do. accessories ...	...	1,223
Oils, etc.		
Vegetable ...	piculs 71½	2,096
Lubricating ...	piculs 142	4,098
Kerosene ...	cases 4,540½	25,581
Methylated spirit ...	gallons 159	164
Carried forward ...	...	\$ 597,031

ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
<i>Brought forward</i>		
Opium, raw ...	chests 12	\$ 597,031
Paint, varnish and tar ...	...	3,791
Papers ...	...	3,809
Provisions, sundry ...	...	10,783
Prawns (dried) ...	piculs 6	6
(refuse) ...	...	...
Rickshaws ...	piculs 206½	914
Rope ...	no. 12	527
Coir ...	coils 24	612
Manila ...	coils 35	972
Wire ...	coils 16	425
Sago, pearl or raw ...	piculs 8½	118
Salt ...	piculs 2,771½	6,374
Silverware ...	...	2,870
Soap ...	...	3,969
Stationery and books ...	...	2,982
Steam and motor launches ...	...	500
Sugar ...	piculs 1,594	14,363
Sundries ...	...	88,838
Tea in bundles ...	boxes 206	4,124
Do. tins ...	...	521
Telegraph and telephone materials and apparatus ...	...	2,230
Timber ...	...	750
Twine and thread ...	...	3,981
Tobacco		
In tins, cigars & cigarettes ...	...	61,696
Chinese ...	cases 79	4,955
P., Java and Sarobok, etc. ...	piculs 108½	18,810
Treasure ...	...	5,500
Vegetables		
Fresh ...	...	11,337
Salted and preserved ...	...	4,599
In tins ...	...	1,574
Wines and spirits ...	...	29,801
Wire		
Brass and copper ...	...	40
Galvanised ...	...	865
Manufactures of ...	...	267
Zinc		
Sheathing and sheeting ...	...	560
Zincware ...	...	2,180
TOTAL VALUE ...	...	\$ 869,619
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	...	\$ 729,506
Total value to date ...	...	\$1,599,125
1925 ...	...	\$1,651,201

EXPORTS.

ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Betel-nuts ...	piculs 38½	\$ 406
Bees-wax ...	piculs 18	1,286
Birds' nests, white ...	catties 45½	1,742
Do. black ...	piculs 13½	7,519
Do. refuse ...	catties 160	88
Cinematographic films ...	...	18,850
Charcoal ...	piculs 110	197
Copra ...	piculs 804	9,286
Crockeryware ...	...	138
Damar		
Daging ...	piculs 252	8,039
Darat or laut ...	piculs 182½	319
Eggs, turtle ...	no. 400	4
Empties ...	...	2,490
Fish		
Dried and salted ...	piculs 10	16
Fins ...	piculs 1	63
Maws ...	piculs 1½	34
Gummies, old ...	bundles 239	2,580
Gutta and Rubber		
Jangkang ...	piculs 5	195
Jintong ...	piculs 169½	4,764
Do. refined ...	piculs 1,982½	99,281
Percha ...	piculs 3½	930
Plantation ...	piculs 4,999½	653,777
Leaf gutta ...	piculs 12½	3,052
Hides, skins and horns, etc.		
Ant-eater ...	piculs 2½	399
Rhinoceros ...	catties 1	2
Other kinds ...	piculs 1½	30
Imports returned to shippers	...	16,324
Ironware ...	...	32
Kajangs ...	...	59
Mats ...	...	286
Machinery ...	...	13,650
N. H. Specimens ...	...	20
Carried forward ...	...	\$ 840,659

EXPORTS—(Continued.)

ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
<i>Brought forward.</i>		
Padi	piculs 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
Pepper (white)	piculs 98 $\frac{1}{10}$	5,938
Do. (black)	piculs 20 $\frac{3}{10}$	961
Prawns (dried)	piculs 40 $\frac{3}{10}$	2,215
Rattans, No. 1, sega, etc.	piculs 1,111 $\frac{1}{10}$	9,781
Sago flour	piculs 13,891 $\frac{1}{10}$	87,514
Sugar nipa	piculs 40	264
Sundries	...	526
Timber manufactured	...	452
<i>Tobacco—</i>		
In tins, cigars and cigarettes	...	40
Vegetable tallow-seed	piculs 587 $\frac{1}{2}$	9,455
Zinc	...	165
TOTAL VALUE	...	\$ 957,386
<i>Brought forward</i>	...	\$1,865,507
Total value to date	...	\$2,823,493
1925	...	\$1,450,821

Kuching, Coasting Trade Returns for the month of Feb., 1926.

IMPORTS.

ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Birds' Nests	piculs 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$ 260
Cattle	head 46	2,008
Coal	tons 531	5,841
Dammar	piculs 295 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,614
Gutta jangkar	piculs 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	189
Do. jelutong	piculs 5,945 $\frac{3}{10}$	96,843
Do. percha	piculs 76	76
Indiarubber	piculs 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	259
Padi	piculs 401 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,553
Plantation rubber	piculs 1,435 $\frac{3}{10}$	114,813
Prawns refuse	piculs 8	50
Pepper (white)	piculs 137	8,950
Do. (black)	piculs 19	819
Rice	piculs 272 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,808
Sago raw	t'pins 15,480	16,121
Sundries	...	29,763
Treasure	...	305,206
Vegetable seeds	piculs 239 $\frac{1}{10}$	2,183
TOTAL VALUE	...	\$ 587,966
<i>Brought forward</i>	...	434,976
Total value to date	...	\$ 1,022,932
1925	...	\$ 754,692

EXPORTS.

ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Brassware	...	\$ 3,272
Flour	bags 250	1,073
Ironware	...	9,086
Jars	no. 663	2,480
Oil, kerosene	cases 1610 $\frac{1}{2}$	8,924
Opium	...	69,320
Padi	piculs 172 $\frac{3}{10}$	802
Rice	piculs 2,830 $\frac{3}{10}$	24,376
Salt	piculs 1,098 $\frac{3}{10}$	3,256
Sundries	...	157,799
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	...	21,571
Treasure	...	7,664
Wines and spirits	...	27,941
TOTAL VALUE	...	\$ 337,564
<i>Brought forward</i>	...	363,898
Total value to date	...	\$ 701,432
1925	...	\$ 748,181

J. A. H. HARDIE,

Registrar of Trade.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

PER S.S. *Kuching* :—5th March—From Singapore—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Mead and child, Messrs. Law Chin Heng, Tan Tai Seng, Sim Mok Seng, Revd. Hollis, Foo Hong Yuen, Tan Thian Sang, Tan Seng Loon, Koh Tim, Lim Kay Leong, Mr. and Miss Howell.

PER S.S. *Kuching* :—15th March—From Singapore—Mr. Avery, Mr. Barracough and child, Mr. and Mrs. Bois, Messrs. F. G. Lundon, W. W. Duncan, H. Leonard, Clough, Adams, Revd. Dunn, Messrs. Wee Chin Aik, Loh Poh Yuen, Yuen Hin Teng, Song Kheng Hoi.

Departures.

PER S.S. *Kuching* :—27th February—For Singapore—Mr. H. Avery, Mrs. Danson, Mrs. Barracough and child, Messrs. J. W. Rowland, L. V. Finster, D. Carroll, Lim Swee Kee, Lee Siong Kee, Lim Cheng Mong, Tan Tai Seng, Law Chin Heng, Sim Mok Seng.

PER S.S. *Kuching* :—10th March—For Singapore—Mr. Adams, Father Mulder, Father Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Bean, Captain G. W. Finnis, Messrs. Collins, Wheeler, Foo Hong Won, Kho Theng Jong, Lee Ek Lai, Lau Lock Choon, Teo Hin Eng, Foo Hong Yen, Tamby Daud.

ALMANAC.

APRIL, 1926.

English.	Days of Week.	Moons.	Chinese.	Mandarin.	Moon's Phases, Etc.	High water at Kuching.		
						A. M.	P. M.	
					6th Last quarter			
					12th New moon			
					20th First quarter			
					28th Full moon			
Th	1	2	19	18	MAUNDY THURSDAY	6	42	6 59
F	2	20	19	19	Datu Bandar Hj. Ump of Sibid died, 1906	7	12	7 30
S	3	21	20	20	Good Friday	7	12	7 30
S	4	22	21	21	Nanga Pila, 1916	7	44	8 06
M	5	23	22	22	EASTER DAY	8	22	8 49
Tu	6	24	23	23	Easter Monday	9	07	9 42
W	7	25	24	24	2nd Gat Expedition, 1919	10	09	10 56
Th	8	26	25	25		11	31	—
F	9	27	26	26		0	25	1 05
S	10	28	27	27		1	52	2 23
S	11	29	28	28		3	00	3 23
M	12	3	1	29	LOW SUN—1st SUN. AFTER EASTER	3	50	4 09
Tu	13	4	2	30	Last sold by Huanus Pirates, and their extermination of Redrings by the people of Bantua, 1869	4	32	4 51
W	14	5	3	1		5	13	5 35
Th	15	6	4	2	1st Hari Raya (Mohd. Fest.)	5	56	6 17
F	16	7	5	3	S. Manshor defeated at Igau and expelled from Sarawak, 1860	6	35	6 57
S	17	8	6	4	Sarawak Association formed in London, 1924	7	12	7 36
S	18	9	7	5		7	49	8 15
M	19	10	8	6	Sir Jas. Brooke sends Envoys to Sultan of Kelaka, 1845	8	29	8 59
Tu	20	11	9	7		9	16	9 54
W	21	12	10	8	Envoys sent to Sarikel, 1845	10	17	10 04
Th	22	13	11	9		11	34	—
F	23	14	12	10	2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	0	24	0 57
S	24	15	13	11	St. George.	1	43	2 11
S	25	16	14	12		2	46	3 04
M	26	17	15	13	3rd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	3	30	3 45
Tu	27	18	16	14	Envoys to Linga, 1845	4	05	4 19
W	28	19	17	15	(St. Mark.)	4	35	4 51
Th	29	20	18	16	Sir James Brooke born, 1820	5	06	5 23
F	30	21	19	17	Expedition against Laue Endang, 1879	5	37	5 57
					Sir Jas. Brooke visits Sarikel in H. M. S. <i>Phlegathon</i> , 1845	6	11	6 34

Miri, Foreign Trade Returns for the month of Dec., 1925.

IMPORTS.

DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Aerated Water ...	cases 31	\$ 176
Acid Clay ...	tons 30	1,466
Ammunition ...	no. 800	80
Asphalt ...	lbs. 24,130	862
Automobile Accessories ...	...	2,981
Belting hair ...	ft. 3,237	7,760
Bicycles ...	no. 42	2,570
Butter ...	...	967
Cloth, cotton ...	...	5,006
Clothing ...	...	4,608
Cotton waste ...	lbs. 17,920	3,154
Coffee ...	piculs 36.06	1,720
Cement ...	casks 762	3,821
Cinema films ...	reels 61	200
Crackers (Chinese) ...	...	760
Crockeryware ...	...	1,520
Drill parts for Boring ...	...	153,853
Drugs ...	...	2,472
Dried prawns ...	piculs 11.87	942
Eggs, fresh ...	no. 24,050	1,147
" salted ...	no. 7,950	374
Electrical apparatus ...	...	1,656
Empties ...	...	1,690
Fish, salted ...	piculs 201.16	5,777
" in tins ...	...	2,340
Firearms ...	no. 30	900
Flour ...	sacks 558	2,309
Fruit, fresh ...	...	2,533
Furniture ...	...	2,206
Gas ...	cyls. 128	4,503
Hose rubber ...	ft. 1,200	565
Ironware ...	...	77,443
Leather ...	piculs 9.90	1,128
Lard ...	piculs 39.53	1,622
Live stock ...	...	...
Pigs ...	head 90	3,316
Poultry ...	head 1,385	1,459
Machinery ...	...	18,714
Matches ...	cases 18	343
Milk ...	cases 408	5,885
Oil and Grease ...	...	...
Kerosene ...	cases 491	2,750
Lubricating ...	gallons 4,586	4,504
Vegetable ...	piculs 113.43	3,235
Paint ...	lbs. 13,328	2,317
Provisions & sundries ...	...	42,795
Rice ...	piculs 3,976.73	35,202
Rope ...	lbs. 28,701	7,810
Sugar ...	piculs 569.86	4,894
Salt ...	piculs 22.60	68
Sauce and Vinegar ...	jars 81	389
Soap ...	cases 76	1,090
Stationery ...	...	3,426
Stone crushed ...	c. yds. 250.70	2,006
Tea ...	cases 24	805
Timber ...	c. ft. 24,680.68	82,292
Treasure ...	...	125,000
Tobacco & cigarettes in tins ...	...	33,543
" Chinese ...	cases 12	684
" Siam ...	piculs 5.18	709
Vegetables, fresh ...	...	1,062
" salted ...	jars 118	662
Wines and Spirits ...	...	8,015
Brought forward ...	...	\$ 649,036
TOTAL ...	...	6,459,181
TOTAL ...	...	\$7,108,217

EXPORTS.

DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Aerated water ...	cases 6	\$ 36
Birds' nests (Black) ...	piculs 29.16	8,498
Buffalo hides ...	piculs 5.27	59
Biscuits ...	...	167
Coke ...	bags 100	305
Empties ...	...	256
Fish salted ...	piculs 5.20	166
Flour ...	sacks 24	86
Gutta & Rubber—Jelutong ...	piculs 956.03	15,296
Plantation ...	piculs 171.43	27,429
R. Scrap ...	piculs 28.94	2,894
Ironware ...	...	23,313
Kajangs ...	pes. 132	18
Kulik tengar ...	piculs 34.73	9
Milk ...	cases 12	186
Oil, Benzine ...	tons 5,117.07	782,911
" Crude ...	tons 19,726.25	261,832
" Kerosene ...	tons 10,531.00	681,860
" Liquid fuel ...	tons 3,079.72	32,356
" Vegetable ...	piculs 608	179
Provisions & sundries ...	...	15,264
Rice ...	piculs 212.80	1,783
Rope manila ...	lbs. 540	160
Sugar ...	piculs 16.53	164
" Nipah ...	piculs 8.00	60
Stationery ...	...	213
Tobacco & cigarettes in tins ...	...	370
Treasure ...	...	2,600
Wines ...	...	143
Brought forward ...	...	\$1,823,613
TOTAL ...	...	24,594,780
TOTAL ...	...	\$26,418,393

Miri, Coasting Trade Returns for the month of Dec., 1925.

IMPORTS.

DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Aerated Water ...	cases 95	\$ 809
Biscuits ...	...	710
Bicycles ...	no. 19	1,104
Butter ...	...	160
Charcoal ...	piculs 157.91	271
Cloth cotton ...	...	3,800
Clothing ...	...	1,405
Crockeryware ...	...	99
Dried prawns ...	piculs 4.60	350
Eggs, fresh ...	no. 6,620	282
Fish, Salted ...	piculs 14.85	455
In tins ...	...	247
Fruit, fresh ...	...	1,089
Gutta & Rubber—Jelutong ...	piculs 519.50	9,268
Plantation ...	piculs 425.20	45,992
R. Scrap ...	piculs 72.48	7,189
Ironware ...	...	1,649
Kajangs ...	pieces 3,350	581
Lard ...	piculs 3.86	163
Milk ...	cases 8	118
Opium ...	...	13,600
Oil, Vegetable ...	piculs 5.42	147
Padi ...	piculs 107.76	974
Pigs ...	head 20	950
Provisions and sundries ...	...	11,008
Rice ...	piculs 278.20	2,553
Sugar ...	piculs 37.90	839
" Nipah ...	piculs 200.00	580
Shoes ...	pairs 350	450
Soap ...	cases 10	202
Stone crushed ...	c. yds. 83.13	534
Tobacco & cigarettes in tins ...	...	900
" Siam ...	piculs 1.50	180
Treasure ...	...	25,500
Wines & Spirits ...	...	2,686
Brought forward ...	...	\$ 136,324
TOTAL ...	...	684,205
TOTAL ...	...	\$ 820,529

EXPORTS.

DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Aerated Water ...	cases 26	\$ 200
Birds' nests black (Cleaned) ...	catties 50	120
Biscuits ...	...	626
Bicycles ...	no. 25	1,697
Brassware ...	...	850
Cloth, cotton ...	...	2,250
Clothing ...	...	1,820
Empties ...	...	444
Fish, salted ...	piculs 40.70	1,660
" In tins ...	...	675
Flour ...	sacks 70	309
Gutta & Rubber—		
Jangkar ...	piculs 9	350
Jelutong ...	piculs 756.00	14,840
Plantation ...	piculs 482.21	90,972
R. Scrap ...	piculs 158.12	15,484
Ironware ...	...	377
Matches ...	cases 12	177
Milk ...	cases 53	826
Oil, kerosene ...	cases 122	648
" Vegetable ...	piculs 15.12	350
Provisions and sundries ...	...	14,949
Rice ...	piculs 357.60	3,426
Sugar ...	piculs 85.09	326
Soap ...	cases 12	151
Shoes ...	pairs 300	358
Tobacco and Cigs, in tins ...	...	14,329
" Siam ...	piculs 4.00	700
Vegetables, salted ...	jars 7	65
		\$ 167,909
Brought forward ...		356,039
TOTAL ...		\$523,948

Kuching Market Price List.

February, 1926.

Beef—			
Beef Imported ..	per catty	43	Cents
" Local ..	"	40	"
Buffalo meat clean ..	"	25	"
" with bones ..	"	23	"
" Feet ..	"	10	"
" Heart ..	"	25	"
" Kidneys ..	each	25	"
" Liver ..	per catty	25	"
" Bones ..	"	20	"
" Tail ..	"	20	"
" Tongue ..	per catty	25	"
Pork—			
Pork lean ..	per catty	70	Cents
" with fat ..	"	56	"
" fat ..	"	48	"
Pig Brain ..	each	5	"
" Feet ..	per catty	35	"
" Head ..	"	40	"
" Tongue ..	"	70	"
Fish—			
<i>Fresh—</i>			
No. 1 ..	per catty	56	Cents
" 2 ..	"	28	"
" 3 ..	"	14	"
<i>Cooked—</i>			
No. 1 ..	per catty	86	Cents
" 2 ..	"	28	"
" 3 ..	"	14	"
<i>Salted—</i>			
No. 1 ..	per catty	34 to 36	Cents
" 2 ..	"	28 to 30	"
" 3 ..	"	12 to 14	"
Crab—			
No. 1 ..	per catty	28	Cents
" 2 ..	"	24	"
" 3 ..	"	20	"
Sea Prawns—			
Udang Gala ..	per catty	28	Cents
" Siam ..	"	28	"
" Payak ..	"	14	"
Poultry, etc.—			
Capons ..	per catty	96	Cents
Ducks ..	"	85 to 70	"
Fowls ..	"	85 to 75	"
" Dyak Breed ..	"	80	"
Geese (Full Grown) large ..	each	\$5.00	"
" do. small ..	"	3.00	"
Pigeons ..	"	90	Cents
Eggs (Fowls) ..	"	5	"
Do (Ducks) ..	"	5	"
Do do. (Salted) ..	"	5	"
Vegetables—			
Bangkluang ..	per catty	3	Cents
Brinjal ..	"	6	"
Cabbages ..	"	32	"
Celery ..	per bundle	10	"
Chillies (Green) ..	per catty	34	"
" (Dried) ..	"	62	"
Coconut ..	each	5	"
Cucumber ..	per catty	8	"
French Beans ..	"	18 to 28	"
Garlic ..	"	24	"
Ginger (French) ..	"	6	"
Kangkong ..	"	2	"
Kayu (merah) ..	"	2	"
Ladies Finger ..	per bundle	2	"
Lettuce (Chinese) ..	"	1	"
Lobak (Turnips) ..	per catty	16	"
Long Beans ..	"	8	"
Onions (Bombay) ..	"	12	"
" (Smaller) ..	"	12	"
Patola ..	"	16	"
Potatoes (Bengal) ..	"	14	"
" (Sweet) ..	"	3	"
Pria ..	"	17	"
Pumpkin ..	"	12	"
Radish ..	"	12	"
Sawi ..	"	18	"
Sireh ..	per bundle	3	"
Yams ..	per catty	5	"
Sundries—			
Betel-nut (Fresh) ..	per 100	30	Cents
Blachan (Dried) ..	per catty	15	"
Bread ..	per loaf	5	"
" (Smaller) ..	"	4	"
Butter (Australian) ..	1lb tin	75	"
" do ..	2lb tin	\$1.45	"
Cinnamon ..	per catty	28	Cents
Cloves ..	"	85	"
Coffee ..	"	58	"
Firewood ..	per cart	\$1.60	"
Flour (Wheat) 1st quality ..	per catty	12	Cents
Ghee (1st quality) ..	"	\$1.85	"
Do. 2nd ..	"	85	Cents
Garam (Calcutta) ..	per gantang	56	"
" (Rangoon) ..	"	68	"
Jintan Hitam ..	per catty	30	"
Jadam ..	"	75	"
Jemuju ..	"	80	"
Katumbak ..	per chupak	30	"
Lada Hitam ..	"	30	"
Do. Putih ..	"	62	"
Langkuan ..	per gantang	1	"
Lard ..	per catty	40	"
Matches ..	per packet	5	"
Milk ..	in tin	25 to 35	"
Do. (Fresh) ..	per bottle	16	"
Oil Coconut ..	"	28	"
" ..	per catty	24	"
Do. Kaehang ..	"	37	"
" ..	per bottle	40	"
Do. Kerosene (Devoes) ..	per case	\$6.10	"
" (Sylvan) ..	"	5.70	"
" (Tiger Brand) ..	"	5.90	"
" (Eagle Brand) ..	"	5.90	"
" (Crown Brand) ..	"	5.90	"
" (Fish Brand) ..	"	5.90	"
" (Dragon Brand) ..	"	5.90	"
" (Cock Brand) ..	"	5.90	"
Rice (Siam) No. 1 ..	per gantang	60	Cents
" Do. 2 ..	"	55	"
" Do. 3 ..	"	52	"
Rice Dyak 1 ..	"	52	"
" Do. 2 ..	"	50	"
Saffron (Fresh) ..	per catty	6	"
Do. (Dried) ..	"	35	"
Salt (Fine) ..	"	6	"
Do. (Coarse) ..	"	3	"
Sugar (Candy) ..	"	22	"
" (Brown) ..	"	9	"
" (White) ..	"	9	"
Tamarind ..	"	12	"
Tea (Ceylon) ..	per pound	\$1.06	"
Do. (Assam) ..	"	1.35	"
Do. (Chinese) ..	in packet	8 to 28	Cents
Do. (Matang) ..	"	75	"

SIBU SHIPPING.

Arrivals.

JAN.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CAPTAIN OR NAKHODA.	FROM.
1	Rajah of Sarawak	Sarawak	892	Hollinshead	Singapore
1	Sarawak	do.	46	Awg. Ismail	Kuching
1	Magnet	British	207	Watson	Singapore
6	Alice Lorraine	Sarawak	140	Seman	North
10	Nam Hoi	do.	72	Nor	Kuching
13	Muaratebas	do.	62	Awg. Jin	do.
19	Sarawak	do.	46	Awg. Ismail	do.
19	Alice Lorraine	do.	140	Seman	do.
18	Sarawak	do.	46	Awg. Ismail	do.
19	Rajah of Sarawak	do.	892	Hollinshead	Singapore via Pending
20	Magnet	British	207	Watson	Singapore
20	Nam Hoi	Sarawak	72	Nor	Kuching
25	Alice Lorraine	do.	140	Seman	North
27	Kim Chin Seng	do.	128	Awg. Rais	Kuching
31	Alice Lorraine	do.	140	Seman	Kuching via Sadong

Departures.

JAN.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CAPTAIN OR NAKHODA.	FOR.
3	Nam Hoi	Sarawak	46	Nor	Kuching
6	Alice Lorraine	do.	140	Seman	do.
8	Magnet	British	207	Watson	Singapore
8	Rajah of Sarawak	Sarawak	892	Hollinshead	Singapore via Pending
10	Sarawak	do.	46	Awg. Ismail	Kuching
13	Nam Hoi	do.	72	Nor	do.
13	Muaratebas	do.	62	Awg. Jin	Kuching
14	Sarawak	do.	46	Awg. Ismail	via Sadong
14	Alice Lorraine	do.	140	Seman	Kuching
24	Nam Hoi	do.	72	Nor	North
24	Magnet	British	207	Watson	Kuching via Saratok
25	Rajah of Sarawak	Sarawak	892	Hollinshead	Singapore
26	Alice Lorraine	do.	140	Seman	Singapore via Pending
27	Sarawak	do.	46	Awg. Ismail	Kuching
29	Kim Chin Seng	do.	128	Awg. Rais	do.
					Oya

KUCHING SHIPPING.

Arrivals.

FEB.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CAPTAIN OR NAKHODA.	FROM.
1	Kuching	Sar. str.	903	Benfield	Singapore
1	Glady	"	173	Deli	Bitulu
1	Muaratebas	"	62	Awg. Jen	Sadong
1	L'Aubaine	"	48	Hassan	"
5	L'Aubaine	"	48	Hassan	"
6	Alice Lorraine	"	140	Seman	Sibu
6	Bintang Trang	"	12	Jen	Betong
7	Auby	"	319	McPhail	Singapore
8	Muaratebas	"	62	Awg. Jen	Sadong
8	Hock Ann	"	15	Matasan	Betong
8	Mas Lalang	"	67	Sahari	Rejang
9	Kim Chin Thong	"	20	Latip	Kalaka
9	Nam Hoi	"	72	Nor	Sibu
11	Kuching	"	903	Benfield	Singapore
11	Muaratebas	"	62	Awg. Jen	Sadong
11	Kim Chin Seng	"	128	Awg. Rais	Oya
12	Glady	"	173	Deli	Bitulu
12	Rajah of Sarawak	"	892	Hollinshead	Sibu
12	Lupar	"	34	Osman	T. Serabang
15	L'Aubaine	"	48	Hassan	Sadong
15	Sarawak	"	46	Awg. Smail	Sibu
15	Sri Sadong	"	134	Mohamad	Sadong
15	Kim Chin Siang	sch.	54	Dol	Bitulu
16	Majinis	str.	70	Hj. Dul	Matu
18	Hock Ann	"	15	Matasan	Betong
18	Kim Chin Thong	"	20	Latip	Saratok
18	Bintang Trang	"	12	Jen	Betong
19	Nam Hoi	"	72	Nor	Sadong
21	Rajah of Sarawak	"	892	Hollinshead	Singapore
22	Muaratebas	"	62	Awg. Jen	Sadong
22	Mrak Tanjong	"	29	Jamir	Matu
22	Auby	"	319	McPhail	Bitulu
23	Kuching	"	903	Benfield	Singapore
23	Septimus	"	6	Ran	Rejang
26	Glady	"	173	Deli	Bitulu
26	Bintang Trang	"	12	Jen	Betong
26	Lupar	"	34	Osman	T. Serabang
27	Nam Hoi	"	72	Nor	Balingian

Departures.

FEB.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CAPTAIN OR NAKHODA.	FOR.
1	Mas Lalang	Sar. str.	67	Sahari	Rejang
2	Nam Hoi	"	72	Nor	Sibu
2	Sri Muka	sch.	111	Mahali	Mukah
3	L'Aubaine	"	48	Hassan	Sadong
4	Muaratebas	"	62	Awg. Jen	"
4	Mrak Tanjong	"	29	Jamir	Matu
4	Glady	"	173	Deli	Bitulu
5	Kuching	"	903	Benfield	Singapore
5	Eng Guan Cheon	sch.	65	Drahman	Oya
7	Lupar	"	34	Osman	T. Serabang
7	Chan Teck Lee	"	104	Hamdan	Balingian
7	L'Aubaine	"	48	Hassan	Sibu
9	Muaratebas	"	62	Awg. Jen	Sadong
9	Auby	"	319	McPhail	Limbang
9	Hock Ann	"	15	Matasan	Betong
9	Bintang Trang	"	12	Jen	"
10	Sri Sadong	"	134	Mohamad	Sadong
10	Mas Lalang	"	67	Sahari	Rejang
10	Kim Chin Thong	"	20	Latip	Kalaka
12	Rajah of Sarawak	"	892	Hollinshead	Singapore
12	Sri Chindrawasthi	sch.	71	T'ku Hassan	Oya
16	Kuching	str.	903	Benfield	Singapore
16	Sarawak	"	46	Awg. Smail	Sibu
17	Nam Hoi	"	72	Nor	Sadong
18	Glady	"	173	Deli	Bitulu
18	Ghee Hong Ann	sch.	60	Dris	Oya
18	Kim Hua Ann	"	65	Yahya	"
19	Muaratebas	str.	62	Awg. Jen	Sadong
20	Sadong	"	94	Seman	Limbang
21	Nam Hoi	"	72	Nor	Balingian
21	Lupar	"	34	Osman	T. Serabang
21	Hock Ann	"	15	Matasan	Betong
21	Bintang Trang	"	12	Jen	"
21	Kim Chin Seng	"	128	Awg. Rais	Balingian
22	Alice Lorraine	"	140	Awg. Talip	Sibu
22	Auby	"	319	McPhail	Singapore
23	Mojinis	"	70	Hj. Dul	Matu
23	Mas de Goebilt	"	46	Dand	Oya
24	Sri Sadong	"	134	Mohamad	Sadong
25	Kim Chin Thong	"	20	Latip	Kalaka
26	L'Aubaine	"	48	Hassan	Sadong
27	Kuching	"	903	Benfield	Singapore
27	Sri Marion	sch.	80	Osen	Oya
28	Glady	str.	173	Deli	Miri

KUCHING SHIPPING RETURNS.

Arrivals.

DATE.		NAME OF VESSEL.	NAME OF CAPTAIN.	WHERE FROM.	CHINESE.		NATIVES OF INDIA.		OTHER ASIATICS.		TOTAL.
					Male.	Fem.	Male.	Fem.	Male.	Fem.	
1926.											
Feb.	1	S.S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	A. C. Benfield	Singapore	260	16	11	...	4	...	291
"	7	S.S. <i>Aubu</i> ...	A. D. McPhail	Do.	51	...	...	...	11	...	62
"	11	S.S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	A. C. Benfield	Do.	126	12	5	...	13	1	157
"	23	S.S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	A. C. Benfield	Do.	84	3	7	...	19	2	115
Brought forward					521	31	23	...	47	3	625
					796	20	11	...	49	2	878
Total to date					1,317	51	34	...	96	5	1,503
1925					415	34	27	3	44	8	531

Departures.

DATE.		NAME OF VESSEL.	NAME OF CAPTAIN.	WHITHER BOUND.	CHINESE.		NATIVES OF INDIA.		OTHER ASIATICS.		TOTAL.
					Male.	Fem.	Male.	Fem.	Male.	Fem.	
1926.											
Feb.	5	S.S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	A. C. Benfield	Singapore	26	4	3	...	13	1	47
"	16	S.S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	A. C. Benfield	Singapore	29	1	3	...	19	1	53
"	18	<i>Kotak Hock Jin Heng</i>	Tan Guan Hin	P. Siantan	1	3	...	...	...	...	4
"	27	S.S. <i>Kuching</i> ...	A. C. Benfield	Singapore	82	8	14	2	17	...	123
Brought forward					138	16	30	2	49	2	227
					324	21	11	...	41	5	402
Total to date					462	37	31	2	90	7	629
1925					253	44	26	4	64	10	401

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METEOROLOGICAL RETURNS.

GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Kuching. 28th February, 1926.

DATE.	BARO. METER.	THERMOMETER IN SHADE.						SOLAR MAXIMUM.	Museum Rainfall		
		Dry Bulb.			Wet Bulb		Maximum prev. 24 hrs.	Minimum prev. 24 hrs.	Prev. 24 hours.	in 24 hours.	
		At 8 A.M.	S. A. M.	Noon.	S. P. M.	S. A. M.					Noon.
1	30-10 inch.	74		81	76	74	—	78	71	96	·03
2	31-10 "	75		86	76	74	—	76	76	106	·07
3	30-10 "	74		86	76	74	—	76	74	104	...
4	30-10 "	76		82	77	73	78	70	75	108	...
5	30-15 "	74		85	76	72	77	79	76	105	...
6	30-2 "	73		85	76	72	77	76	70	102	...
7	30-00 "	76		86	76	75	78	74	74	110	...
8	30-10 "	78		84-5	76	76	78-5	76	76	111	...
9	30-00 "	77		90-5	76	76	90	74	79	112	...
10	30-05 "	79		87-5	80	76	88	76	76	109	...
11	30-00 "	83		88-5	77-5	79-5	88-5	79	80	107	·06
12	30-05 "	77		86	78	77	86	76	75	105	...
13	30-02 "	79		84	78	78	84	92	63	108	1-17
14	30-10 "	78		88	77	77	80	89	70	110	·15
15	30-00 "	79		77	77	78	76-5	89	74	110	1-23
16	30-05 "	78		79	78	77	77	79	69	108	·23
17	30-10 "	80		88	78	78	80	72	73	96	·49
18	30-2 "	78		85	79	79	86	76	69	98	2-29
19	30-00 "	77		82	76	76	78	91	75	120	...
20	30-10 "	75		88	79	74	78	81	70	91	·07
21	30-05 "	78		87	79	76	79	89	74	99	·25
22	30-30 "	74		81	78	74	78	89	72	100	·01
23	30-15 "	80		80	79	79	79	94	73	119	1-62
24	30-00 "	75		76	75	72	75	91	71	110	4-92
25	30-10 "	77		78	74	76	76	76	75	112	·51
26	30-10 "	77		84	74	76	80	74	75	107	1-09
27	30-02 "	77		77	74	76	76	86	74	94	3-47
28	30-05 "	75		77	74	76	76	79	73	96	1-92

Highest Barometer reading 31-10 inches.
 Lowest " " 30-00 "
 Highest temperature (in shade) 90-5 degrees.
 Lowest " " 76 "
 Greatest rainfall in 24 hours 4-92 inches.
 Total rainfall (Museum) 19-63 "
 Height of Hospital above sea level approximately 75 feet.

Rainfall, February, 1926.

DURING 24 HOURS.

DATE.	Sadong Mines.	Sungai Tea S.H.	Sungai Chiau.	Matang R'voir.	Limbang.	Bintulu.	Lundu.	Miri.	Sibu.
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	·08	—	—
2	·44	·03	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	—	·02	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	·15
7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	·60
9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	·06	·02	·33	—	—
11	—	—	—	—	—	·73	—	·71	—
12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	·77
13	—	·54	·55	·58	—	—	·89	—	1·00
14	—	·16	1·55	·55	—	—	·11	—	1·02
15	—	1·38	1·50	1·40	—	·02	—	—	·44
16	2·80	·47	·30	·55	·04	·10	1·50	—	·07
17	—	·05	·15	·05	—	·22	—	·18	·20
18	·81	1·42	1·50	1·90	—	·10	1·16	—	—
19	—	—	—	—	—	·21	1·52	—	—
20	—	·37	1·60	·78	—	·97	·07	—	1·15
21	1·21	·65	·40	·28	—	—	1·32	—	·13
22	—	—	—	—	—	·45	—	—	—
23	1·92	—	·60	·29	—	·10	·18	—	—
24	3·33	4·61	1·20	5·00	—	—	1·50	—	·45
25	1·17	·43	·09	·30	—	·16	2·30	—	·80
26	—	—	·30	·28	—	—	1·32	—	—
27	1·71	6·20	1·35	6·50	—	·20	1·13	—	—
28	·08	5·70	3·25	8·20	—	·05	2·30	—	·71
Total	13·47	22·33	14·34	26·96	·10	3·33	16·13	·84	7·49

Rainfall, January, 1926.

DURING 24 HOURS.

DATE.	Experi- mental Garden.	Miri.
	Inches.	Inches.
1	·39	1·55
2	1·03	1·22
3	·06	·42
4	3·06	—
5	—	—
6	·81	1·00
7	1·11	1·50
8	·28	1·40
9	·87	3·65
10	·18	1·44
11	—	·38
12	·42	—
13	—	—
14	—	—
15	—	—
16	—	—
17	·04	—
18	1·06	—
19	—	—
20	·42	—
21	—	·86
22	4·02	—
23	—	·28
24	1·10	—
25	2·06	—
26	2·05	—
27	5·03	—
28	·86	—
29	·37	·11
30	1·14	—
31	·41	—
Total	25·27	13·81

Rainfall, February, 1926.

DURING 24 HOURS.

DATE.	Experi- mental Garden.
	Inches.
1	1·05
2	·35
3	—
4	—
5	—
6	—
7	—
8	—
9	—
10	—
11	1·14
12	—
13	—
14	—
15	—
16	—
17	·07
18	—
19	—
20	—
21	—
22	—
23	—
24	1·03
25	5·07
26	1·11
27	2·14
28	1·31
Total	13·27