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#### **SCHOOL WANTED ON BUKIT PANJANG.**

THE Kuala Selangor district officer thus writes in his last report :—Having had an attack of fever early in the month, I stayed on Bukit Panjang for three nights, 21st to 24th, collected Banjarese rents, and examined the holdings there. I found the Banjarese very hopeful of their prospects; they have had a very successful padi season, and whilst I was amongst them I noticed very many Jeram Malays begging to buy padi, or even to be allowed to earn some by assisting the Banjarese to harvest their crops; the invariable reply to such requests was, that the Banjarese intended to keep their padi to assist immigrants, and that they preferred to do their own harvesting. I am assured that the Banjarese sawah padi averaged a crop of over 500 gantangs per acre, and that they will harvest quite twice as much as they will require for their own consumption this year. The padi harvested by the Javanese on the Bukit Rotan Road is equally good.

The Banjarese and Chinese coffee on the Bukit Panjang range, in spite of bad cultivation, will be worth something presently. A very great impulse would be given to Banjarese immigration if a school could be established for them on Bukit Panjang, and a sympathetic teacher employed. They will not attend the Jeram school, as the parents say it so difficult to mix with the native Malays. The colony is simply swarming with young children, and they appear exceptionally healthy and sturdy.



