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(From a Correspondent.)

January 8.

The weather has been pleasant and we have continued to have the usual Christmas showers and one or two hefty ones too. Christmas and the New Year passed very pleasantly and our longest holiday makers have returned from the hills and the seaside. The Selangor Club Christmas tree for the children of members was joyous to witness, as the little ones came in fancy dress, two of them being dressed as Bride and Bridegroom and they looked so sweet and pretty. The New Year eve dance at the same club was a huge success, as so was the Hogmany dance at the Masonic Lodge in Venning Road. A small flood was threatened at one time but the rains in the hinterland were not so severe as they were in the Kuala Lumpur district. Klang, which is only 23 miles from here, had a good deal of rain, but Batu Tiga had much more, especially in the vicinity of Glemarie Estate.


Victoria Institution.

This is the largest school in the State and was opened in the early nineties and to-day its scholars run not far off four figures. It is rumoured that the Government is going to take over the institution from the trustees some time this year. This will greatly benefit the staff as they will then come under the pension rules of the service, where even the non-pensionable are entitled to a slightly reduced pension, (two-thirds it is said) after 15 years work. Whether it will benefit the school itself as a whole is a matter for conjecture. The school buildings, which are in High Street since its incep-





... have been in this...
... are to be removed to Batu Road, just
... the congested quarter and a little
... beyond the junction to Campbell Road.
This land belonged to the estate of the
late Mr. Tambusamy Pillay who has his
old residence on the premises. The old
site in High Street will be utilized in con-
nection with the deviation of the river,
which here (as in Ipoh) has a nasty habit
of overflowing its banks about Xmas time.
Mr. Bennett E. Shaw, the Headmaster of
his school, who came out from home for
the position from the day it was created,
is retiring this year after the visit of the
Prince of Wales in March. It is hoped
that the Government will grant him a
pension in view of their taking over the
institution that he has built up. Failing
a pension they should grant him a large
gratuity to enable him to receive a modest
income from the interest thereon. It is
believed the old boys of the school, some
of whom are rich men to-day, are not
going to let their Headmaster go away
empty handed. The present pupils can
do but little themselves, but their parents
certainly can, and it is felt sure will, if
Mr. Bennett Shaw will permit them and
there is no reason why he should not, that
the result will be satisfactory. If any
souvenirs are to be given they should be
inexpensive, but what is required is a
huge purse. It is hoped the trustees, who
are all influential men in their different
spheres of work, will not fail to approach
the Government with strength, and the old
boys and the parents of the present boys
with sufficient persuasion. Mr. Shaw
deserves well of Selangor for his work for
education.

New Year Honours.





The Honorary Orders of St. Michael
and St. George to the Malay Rajas of the
Unfederated Malay States were received
in the ordinary way as they must of
necessity be granted. The knighthood for
our Chief Judicial Commissioner was ex-
pected, and if any judge deserved it, Sir
Lionel Woodward certainly did. He was
an indefatigable Malayan Civil Servant
for many years, and has graced the bench
with his profound knowledge of the
country, its people, and the law for many
years. In the great Tanjong Pagar Docks
Arbitration case, he assisted the very
eminent lawyer that came out from home.
The C.M.G. for Mr. Oliver Marks was not
unexpected on retirement as Resident of
Selangor, but it is considered that he did
his best work as Secretary to the late
Sir John Anderson, when he was High
Commissioner.

Big Game Shooting.



There is a persistent rumour in well informed circles that at no very distant date Game Wardens are to be appointed for each State in the F.M.S. One Warden for the whole federation would be wholly inadequate, as the area is far too large to permit of even superficial superintendence. That such an appointment is necessary is not doubted, but great care should be exercised in the selection of the candidates, and we are not so sure that they are easily to be found. They should of necessity have long experience of the country and its hinterland and should be of course keen sportsmen themselves. It is believed that the shooting of big game in the State of Pahang was prohibited and all big game licenses were cancelled. One whose advice this decision was arrived is not known, for a huge



tract of country that is one great forest, outside its villages and the few rubber and cocoanut estates. The population of Pahang to the square mile is infinitesimal and two or three sportsmen even on a prolonged tour would hardly have wiped out the big game. They may have been frightened away from old haunts but always return to their old localities when the boom of the death dealing guns has long since died away. In Pahang Mr. Theodore Hubback did a good deal of systematic big game hunting and he means to return as he has a fine house on the banks of the Jelai River. At the moment it is said that from Alaska he migrated temporarily to East Africa in pursuit of big game. Mr. C. W. C. Puri O.B.E., the Resident of Pahang but now of Perak also did some big game hunting but on no extreme scale. For Game Wardens we would suggest Mr. Hubert Berkeley, who is about to retire and is said to be going to settle down in Upper Perak. For Selangor no better man could possibly be thought of than William Hay our crack big game hunter with 30 years experience behind him. For Negri Sembilan Mr. Banks, the Chairman of the Sanitary Board and Magistrate of Seremban. and for Pahang Mr. Theodore Hubback if he means to remain in the country for a fairly long time. One and all are anxious to see and welcome the popular Prince and to accord him a great ovation. The men of the F.M.S. Volunteer contingent that went home for the coronation of King George were inspected by him in London and we have eight out of the ten men at least still among us, and almost all in Kuala Lumpur.

A hotel has been opened in High Street opposite the Federal Dispensary, and has been called the Prince's Hotel in honour



of our distinguished visitor. It was opened yesterday, and "snacks" of many varieties were provided besides excellent liquors etc. The eight bedrooms it is said will be opened almost immediately (as soon as the Sanitary Board approves), when meals will be provided. We looked over the premises, which are kept very nicely and the small lounge on the first floor will be very handy for visitors. The lighting, ventilation, and sanitary arrangements will be excellent and visitors with not too much money will find a moderate place to stay at.



The traffic in Rodger Street near our markets at almost any time of the day is fearfully congested with vehicles of every description and pedestrians, and it is marvellous that more accidents do not occur. The constable on duty of course is powerless to do anything, but it is felt that he could with trouble do more. Half the side of the Street, nearest the markets, are occupied by vendors of vegetables and other foodstuffs simply because the market is not large enough to accommodate them. A temporary building somewhere close by on the banks of the river would work the oracle, and then the sides of this street could be entirely tar macadamed.

The Batu Caves, which are one of the sights worth seeing here, seem to have no attention whatever given them. The short approach road needs draining badly the many steps to the top need scrubbing as they are very slippery with green mildew, and Tamil beggars from the rubber estates are perfect pests.

