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NATIVE PLANTING "BOOMING."

MR. W. W. SKEAT, the District Officer of Kuala Langat, in his report for September, considers that the great feature of the development of the district at present is the marked activity in planting circles at Klanang, which may be described as booming in respect of Javanese. In about four months upwards of 800 acres have been demarcated there, and there are yet nearly 200 acres still undealt with, and applications are now coming in continuously for land in this mukim. The planters are, with but few exceptions, Javanese, and the state of affairs there may be taken as demonstrating the success of the Javanese penghulu in general and of Haji Taib in particular, the latter having done splendid work for the Government. At Tanjong Duablas, again, the cancellation of the special reserve for European planters is producing the most beneficial results; no less than fifty Chinese having personally applied for coffee land in the neighbourhood of the new village site, at Telok Besar, in a single day.


In October, three blocks of waste land, aggregating 960 acres, were granted to Messrs. Walsh and Mitchell for coffee-planting purposes, this being the first occasion on which premium has been charged on agricultural land in Ulu Langat District. Other applications for smaller areas, amounting altogether to 791 acres, were received during the



course of the month, and 485 acres were applied for for mining purposes. A large contingent of Rembau people, numbering 40 families, have lately arrived in the district and are taking up land for rice-cultivation at Sungei Merap, situated on the Langat River some three miles below Reko. A large extent of suitable land is available in this locality, and the present applications may form the nucleus of an extensive settlement. Clearing operations on a large scale have been commenced at Braemar by Goh Ah Ngee, the new proprietor, who has also started work on his settlement for Chinese Christians near Semenyih. Building operations in the town of Kajang continue to show rapid development; by the end of the year, there should be between 30 and 40 double-storied brick houses there either completed during the year or in course of construction.

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