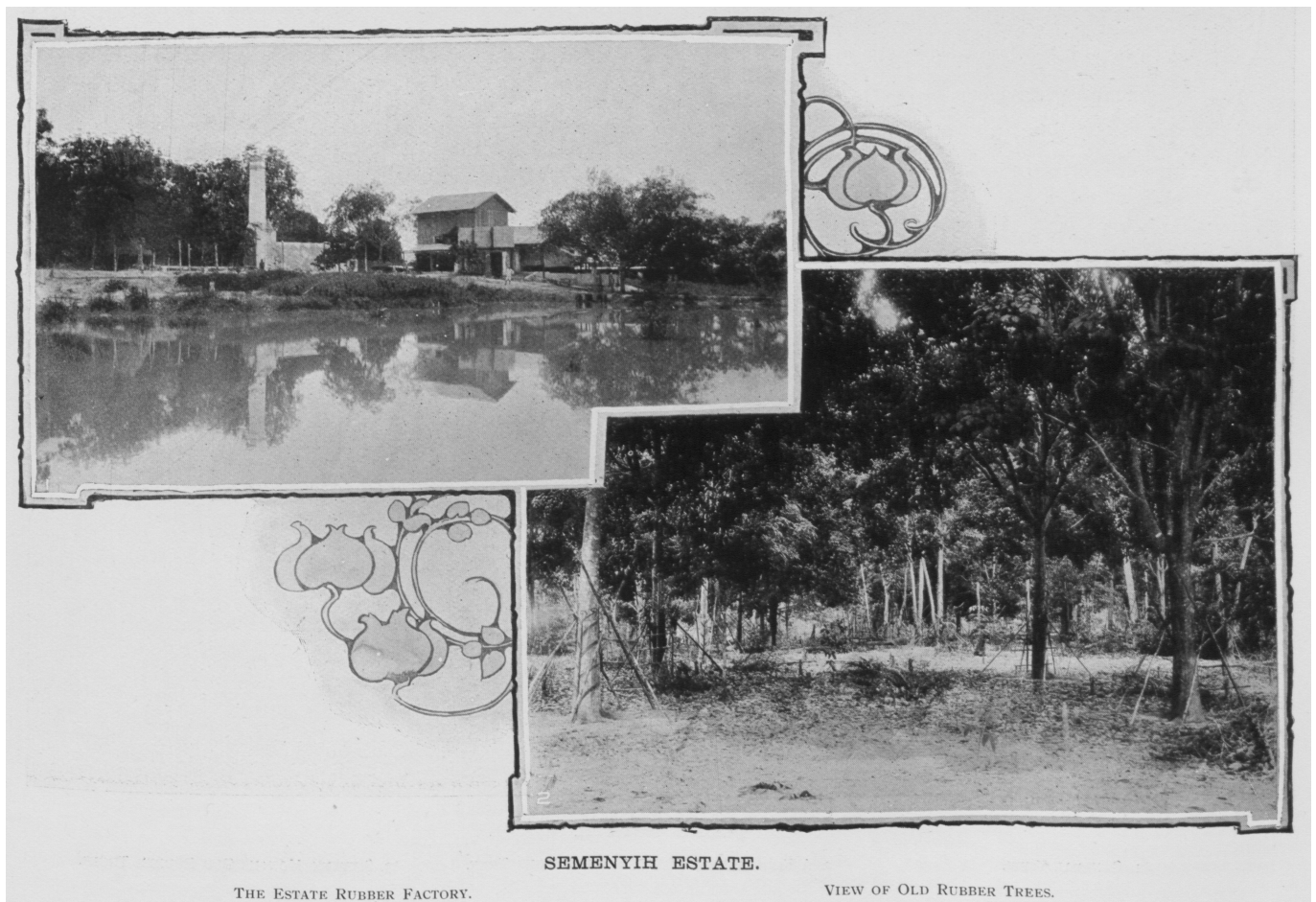


Semenyih Estate (1898)

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“Remarkable specimens of Para and Rambong rubber are obtained from this property of the Asiatic Rubber Produce Company, Ltd., of Ceylon, the directors of which are Messrs. G.H. Alston, E.M. Shattock, R.F.S. Hardy, and C.D. Rotch; the secretaries, Messrs. Lee, Hedges & Co., Ceylon; the visiting agent, Mr. John Gibson; and the manager, Mr. C. Mitchell. The estate has an area of 709 acres, 54 of which were planted with Para rubber in 1898, 36 acres in 1905, 200 acres in 1906, and 329 acres in 1907, leaving 90 acres in reserve for clearing. In all, 81,162 trees have been set. Tapping was first started in June of 1906, and in June of the year following the total yield of rubber was 4,635 lbs., and this was sold in Ceylon. During the same season 400 piculs of coffee were produced, 300 acres of the estate having, in earlier days, been planted with coffee, interplanted with rubber.

Originally the estate belonged to Mr. Lau Boon Tit, from whom it was purchased in January, 1906. It is situated seven miles from Kajang railway station, and one mile from the village of Semenyih. It is quite near to the main road at the twenty-second mile-post, and is approached by a cart-road. The land is gently undulating, only one small part of the new clearing showing a hill, rather sharply defined. The soil is very free, friable, deep, gritty, and porous, and is evidently very well suited for the cultivation of rubber. The estate buildings are substantially constructed of well-cemented brick and hardwood timber. Some 350 Tamil labourers are employed. Mr. C. Mitchell, the manager, was for ten years planting in Ceylon before he came to the Federated Malay States in April, 1906. He took charge of Sungei Siput estate, and from thence was transferred to the Sembeyah estate.”



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