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SELANGOR NEWS.

(From our Correspondent.)

INDIAN LABOUR.

At a committee meeting, on Saturday, (15th inst.) Mr. E. V. Carey was chosen to represent the Selangor Planters' Association on the Indian Labour Commission. The Governor has been exceedingly gracious in his recent communications with the Association; and the members are naturally gratified at the interest displayed by His Excellency in the labour question, as shown by the appointment of such a representative commission to report thereon.

ROAD AND RAILWAY.

The construction of the next two sections of the Ulu Selangor-Pahang road has been entrusted to Messrs. Nicholas Walsh and Co. The estimated cost of the four sections which have been entrusted to this firm amounts to more than half a million of dollars. These sections aggregate twenty-three and a quarter miles—from the Selangor boundary or thereabout, to Raub. Messrs. Walsh and Mitchell are personally supervising the work. Messrs. Howarth, Eiskine and Co. are making good progress with their sections, but the other two sections on this side have been taken over and will, I understand, be finished departmentally.

Mr. Debuey is making a railway survey from Kuala Kutu to Ulu Pahang. It is generally believed that the Government is in real earnest over the matter, and that

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THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY. Bishop Thoburn of the Methodist Episcopal Miteiou left, yesterday afternoon in

FEDERATED STAMPS.

FEDERATED STAMPS. Rumour it that the Malaya Federation scheme includes a change in the colours of

MR. GRIGOR TAYLOR.

MR. GRIGOR TAYLOR, Mk. IV. Grigor Taylor is a passenger from London on board the P. A. O. Mail

FATAL QUARREL.

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in great earnest over the matter, and that the construction of the Ulu Selangor Pabang railway will be sanctioned before next Christmas. We have some first rate engineering talent in the State at present, and it would be a pity to waste it.

THE SANITARY BOARD AND THE GOVERNMENT.

The arrangements for the registration of dogs have been settled satisfactorily. It may be remembered that the Governor refused to sanction an allowance of \$10 a month to a Sanitary Board inspector to carry out the provisions of the Registration of Dogs Ordinance. Under these conditions, the Sanitary Board declared their inability to carry out the work, and, consequently, the dogs of the Kuala Lumpur district have been trotting about without labels in defiance of the notice published in the *Government Gazette*. The Governor has now directed that a man be specially appointed for the work on a salary of \$600 per annum. Dogs may now send in their dollars as soon as they like.

TRUSTEES AND GOVERNMENT.

The Tai Wah trustees last month resolved not to build their new ward unless the subsidy, promised by the Government, was forthcoming. The Resident has instructed the Residency Surgeon and the Protector of Chinese to report on the matter, and so this matter may yet be amicably settled.

FIRE.

The Chinese New Year festivities passed off very quietly. The two companies of the Fire Brigade took alternate watches from 6 p.m. till 12 p.m., and, at the latter hour on Friday, while the dance given by the members of the Lake Club in honour of the Singapore visitors was in progress, the alarm guns fired from the fort announced an outbreak of fire. Eyes were instantly turned in the direction of Pudooh—much burnt Pudooh—and without doubt the glare in the eastern sky testified to an excellent blaze in that neighbourhood. Captain Bellamy, with his well-drilled assistants, reached Pudooh in good time, but attap buildings do not take long in burning and twenty or

so of them had to be abandoned to the flames.

LIGHTNING.

On Wednesday night, the administration block at the Pudu gaol was struck by lightning. An office table was smashed (the inob-ing upset) and then the lightning appears to have travelled the circuit of the room. Two watchmen, sleeping beneath the office, were much shaken and unnerved, but nobody was seriously injured.

POLICE NEWS.

Two men, now serving three year sentences in Singapore for gang robbery, have been identified as having escaped, two years ago, from the Kuala Lumpur gaol, where they had been sent on conviction of a similar offence. So soon as the

truants have expiated their escapade in Singapore, Captain Syers looks forward again offering them accommodation in Kuala Lumpur.

Dr. McClosky's residence in Tanjong Road was visited by a burglar last week who had helped himself to a cigar case, a bottle of unsavoury physic, and an old pair of surgical scissors, when the doctor disturbed him. The visitor succeeded in getting away with his medical comforts.

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