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*Report on the Trade of Brunei, Sarawak and British North  
Borneo for the Year 1902*

By MR. CONSUL HEWETT.

(Brunei, August 10, 1903; received at Foreign Office, September 19, 1903.)

No returns are available for Brunei, none being kept. The general Brunei trade has declined owing to the increasingly unsatisfactory state of the Government, which has led to the closing of several shops and the removal of many of the people to Broketon and Limbang.

The catch factory of the Island Trading Syndicate, Limited, exported over 12,000 boxes of catch and paid a dividend of 10 per cent. The syndicate are about to double their plant of machinery and extend their business. The export of sago has declined through the ordinary forces at work in a moribund native State.

The trade of Sarawak has continued to be in a prosperous and Sarawak thriving condition. The cultivation of pepper has been largely extended, and the planters, mostly Chinese, have done exceedingly well owing to the good prices that have been ruling for the past few years.

Like North Borneo, the trade is mostly confined to Singapore and Hong-Kong, is chiefly in the hands of the Chinese, and has little interest for manufacturers and merchants of the United Kingdom. The Borneo Company, Limited, do a large business in pepper, gambier, &c., and have increased their mining operations for gold in Upper Sarawak.

Attached will be found extracts from the trade report published by the Sarawak Government. The returns are very carefully drawn up, and discriminate between coasting and foreign trade. This report shows a very satisfactory increase. Extracts from the report of the Treasury Department of the Sarawak Government are also enclosed, which clearly show the sound financial condition of the country.

In forwarding the report of Mr. Darby, Consular-Agent in British North Sandakan, I beg again to call attention to the fact that the trade is Borneo one that has very little interest for the manufacturers and merchants of the United Kingdom. The business is almost entirely confined to the ports of Singapore and Hong-Kong, and there is no direct trade with the United Kingdom.

The railway from Beaufort to Jesselton is not yet in working order, although at the time of writing nearly 18 months have expired since it was taken over from the contractors, and there is little prospect that it will be opened in the near future.

*Extracts from Trade Report of the Sarawak Government for 1902.*

The general trade for the two years 1901 and 1902 was as follows:—

Year.	Value.		
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
1901 .. .. .	Dollars. 6,649,973	Dollars. 7,550,693	Dollars. 14,200,666
1902 .. .. .	7,023,414	8,478,164	15,501,578
Increase, 1902 ..	373,441	927,471	1,300,912

In 1892 the total trade was 5,878,224 dol., and in 1897 it was 7,805,666 dol.

FOREIGN TRADE.

Year.	Value.		
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
1901 .. .. .	Dollars. 4,404,644	Dollars. 5,900,925	Dollars. 10,305,569
1902 .. .. .	4,959,720	6,796,588	11,756,308
Increase, 1902 ..	555,076	895,663	1,450,739

The value of the foreign exports for each of the past five years was—

Year.	Value.
1898 .. .. .	Dollars. 3,367,141
1899 .. .. .	4,467,006
1900 .. .. .	5,217,036
1901 .. .. .	5,900,925
1902 .. .. .	6,796,588

The value of gold exported in each of the past five years was—

Year.						Value.
1898	..	..	..	..	..	Dollars. 23,685
1899	..	..	..	..	..	541,711
1900	..	..	..	..	..	843,709
1901	..	..	..	..	..	1,246,114
1902	..	..	..	..	..	1,366,794

The following figures show the quantity and value of pepper exported in each of the past five years :—

Year.					Quantity.	Value.
1898	..	..	..	..	Piculs. 18,890	Dollars. 736,760
1899	..	..	..	..	22,547	859,188
1900	..	..	..	..	32,967	1,254,422
1901	..	..	..	..	37,016	1,477,499
1902	..	..	..	..	47,422	2,205,762

Three steamers ran regularly during the year between Kuching Shipping and Singapore.

### SARAWAK Trade Returns during the Year 1902.

#### IMPORTS.

Articles.		Foreign.		Coasting.		Total.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Aërated water ...	Cases ...	1,786	Dollars. 27,898	...	Dollars.	1,786	Dollars. 27,898
Beeswax ...	Piculs ...	17 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	20	195	9,539	195 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	9,559
Betel nuts ...	" ...	17	91	2,052 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	9,483	2,069 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	9,574
Bezoar stones ...	Tahils ...	...	...	4	145	4	145
Birds' nests ...	Piculs ...	...	...	152 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	24,886	152 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	24,886
Blachan ...	" ...	15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	161	143 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	699	159	860
Brassware ...	...	...	44,924	...	2,713	...	47,637
Camphor ...	Catties ...	...	...	134 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3,590	135 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3,590
Cattle ...	Head ...	684	21,035	297	11,629	981	32,664
Cement ...	Casks ...	1,668	10,441	...	...	1,668	10,441
Cloth ...	...	...	499,278	...	7,284	...	506,562
Coal ...	Tons ...	72	607	9,973	79,514	10,045	80,121
Cocoanuts ...	Number	186,700	7,241	9,760	402	196,460	7,643
Coffee (Liberian) ...	Piculs ...	...	...	158 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3,041	158 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3,041
Coke ...	Tons ...	165	3,924	...	...	165	3,924
Coprah ...	Piculs ...	3,803	33,885	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	46	3,808 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	33,931
Crockeryware ...	...	...	35,069	...	5	...	35,074
Cyanide ...	Boxes ...	831	94,557	...	...	813	94,557
Damar ...	Piculs ...	...	...	9,831 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	16,536	9,831 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	16,536
Diamonds ...	Carats ...	...	...	16	500	16	500
Dynamite ...	Cases ...	110	4,130	...	...	110	4,130
Eggs—							
Salted ...	Number	917,350	13,362	...	...	917,350	13,362
Turtle ...	"	...	...	40,000	212	40,000	212
Fish—							
Fins ...							
Maws ...	Piculs ...	4,311 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	63,355	204 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3,907	4,516 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	67,262
Garoo wood ...	"	...	...	101 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	349	101 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	349
Gold ...	Ozs. ...	19 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	849	...	...	19 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	849
Gunnies ...	Bales ...	467	40,412	...	...	467	40,412

## SARAWAK Trade Returns during the Year 1902—continued.

## IMPORTS—continued.

Articles.		Foreign.		Coasting.		Total.	
		Quantity.	Value. Dollars.	Quantity.	Value. Dollars.	Quantity.	Value. Dollars.
Gutta—							
Jelutong	Piculs	...	...	56,887½	247,561	56,887½	247,561
Percha	"	30¼	2,484	2,663½	379,421	2,693¾	381,905
Hides	"	1¼	25	112½	2,201	113¾	2,226
Horns (rhinoceros)	Catties	...	...	3½	230	3½	230
Indiarubber	Piculs	1	70	1,510	143,550	1,511	143,620
Ironware	...	...	124,085	...	...	...	124,085
Ivoryware	...	...	4,950	...	...	...	4,950
Jars	Number	1,356	25,546	95	2,948	1,451	28,494
Lakawood	Piculs	...	...	1,677	3,501	1,677	3,501
Leather	"	165½	10,109	...	...	165½	10,109
Live-stock	...	...	81,180	...	10,583	...	91,763
Machinery	...	...	80,715	...	...	...	80,715
Matches	Cases	1,077	30,553	...	...	1,077	30,553
Oils	Piculs	5,719	121,106	...	...	5,719	121,106
Oil (kerosene)	Cases	53,175½	128,975	...	...	53,175½	128,975
Opium	...	...	2,422	...	...	...	2,422
Prepared	Chests	185	182,430	...	...	185	182,430
Raw	Piculs	1,567	2,455	10,310½	15,900	11,877½	18,355
Paddy	"	...	...	2,705¾	118,005	2,705¾	118,005
Pepper	"	71¾	1,813	2,399¼	31,314	2,471½	33,127
Prawns	"	20,815	125,892	1,659	6,767	22,474	132,659
" (refuse)	"	...	...	25,781	253,948	25,781	253,948
Rattan	"	182,801	816,029	5,254½	23,432	188,055½	839,461
Rice	"	...	...	15,331	54,604	15,331	54,604
Sago	"	120	240	22¼	63	142¼	303
Flour	Tampins	1,011	512	951,380	363,593	952,391	364,105
Pearl	Piculs	23,981	32,092	...	...	23,981	32,092
Raw	Garris	...	...	21,546	269	21,546	269
Salt	Piculs	13,346¼	101,403	...	...	13,346¼	101,403
" (nipa)	"	...	...	321¼	1,202	321¼	1,202
Sugar	"	1	28	...	...	1	28
" (nipa)	Catties	12	160	...	...	12	160
Shells	...	...	1,126,836	...	18,322	...	1,145,158
Common	Boxes	2,004	19,204	...	...	2,004	19,204
Tortoise	...	...	1,100	...	45,283	...	46,383
Sundries	Cases	1,639¾	58,378	...	...	1,639¾	58,378
Tea	Baskets	195	2,905	...	...	195	2,905
Timber	Piculs	3,974½	166,892	...	...	3,974½	166,892
Tobacco—	...	...	682,420	...	165,730	...	848,150
Chinese	Piculs	37	1,105	...	...	37	1,105
Java	"	...	...	1½	18	1½	18
Palembang	"	...	...	316	769	316	769
Treasure	...	...	99,720	...	...	...	99,720
Trepang	...	...	24,647	...	...	...	24,647
Vegetable tallow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wines, beer, spirits, &c.	seeds	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zinc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	4,959,720	...	2,063,694	...	7,023,414

## EXPORTS.

Articles.		Foreign.		Coasting.		Total.	
		Quantity.	Value. Dollars.	Quantity.	Value. Dollars.	Quantity.	Value. Dollars.
Aërated water	Cases	2	5	625	7,753	627	7,758
Anteater-skins	Piculs	6¼	306	...	...	6¼	306
Antimony	Tons	12¼	5,250	...	...	12¼	5,250
Beeswax	Piculs	261¾	18,048	...	...	261¾	18,048
Betel nuts	"	5,018	26,365	...	...	5,018	26,365
Bezoar stones	Tahils	2	30	...	...	2	30
Birds' nests	Piculs	288¾	47,525	...	...	288¾	47,525
Blachan	"	104	1,070	...	...	106	1,101
Brassware	...	...	3,933	2	31	...	45,954
Camphor	Catties	57½	3,209	...	42,021	57½	3,209

## SARAWAK Trade Returns during the Year 1902—continued.

## EXPORTS—continued.

Articles.		Foreign.		Coasting.		Total.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Canes ...	Number	7,000	Dollars. 413		Dollars.		Dollars.
Cattle ...	Head	15	2,200	...	...	7,000	413
Cement ...	Casks	...	...	2	50	17	2,250
Cloth ...	...	...	...	73	546	73	546
Charcoal ...	Piculs	...	8,876	...	328,801	...	337,677
Coal ...	Tons	6,740	6,416	...	...	6,740	6,416
Cocoanuts ...	Number	2,216	15,524	...	...	2,216	15,524
Coffee (Liberian) ...	Piculs	600	18	51,565	1,913	52,165	1,931
Coprah ...	"	180 $\frac{3}{4}$	3,387	...	...	180 $\frac{3}{4}$	3,387
Crockeryware ...	...	3,796 $\frac{1}{2}$	35,030	...	...	3,796 $\frac{1}{2}$	35,030
Cutch ...	Piculs	...	2,014	...	7,061	...	9,075
Damar ...	"	3,488 $\frac{3}{4}$	25,514	...	...	3,488 $\frac{3}{4}$	25,514
Dynamite ...	Cases	21,166 $\frac{1}{4}$	28,186	...	...	21,166 $\frac{1}{4}$	28,186
Eggs—		35	2,250	2	150	37	2,400
Salted	Number	1,340	20	80,100	1,087	81,440	1,107
Turtle	"	170,300	1,512	71,000	396	241,300	1,908
Fish—							
Fins	Piculs	3,272 $\frac{1}{4}$	55,578	703 $\frac{1}{4}$	8,843	3,975 $\frac{1}{2}$	64,421
Maws	"	23,947 $\frac{1}{2}$	297,291	...	...	23,947 $\frac{1}{2}$	297,291
Gambier	"	266 $\frac{1}{4}$	908	...	...	266 $\frac{1}{4}$	908
Garowood	Ozs.	36,735	1,366,794	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,566	36,768 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,368,360
Gold	Piculs	254 $\frac{1}{2}$	22,470	...	...	254 $\frac{1}{2}$	22,470
" ore	Bales	...	...	29	2,440	29	2,440
Gunnies	Piculs	56,389	339,425	...	...	56,389	339,425
Gutta—							
Jelutong	"	316 $\frac{1}{4}$	476	...	...	316 $\frac{1}{4}$	476
Leaves	"	2,914 $\frac{3}{4}$	450,250	...	...	2,914 $\frac{3}{4}$	450,250
Percha	"	401	9,027	...	...	401	9,027
Hides							
Horns—							
Common	"	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	55	...	...	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	55
Rhinoceros	Catties	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	393	...	...	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	393
Indiarubber	Piculs	1,754 $\frac{3}{4}$	174,909	...	...	1,754 $\frac{3}{4}$	174,909
Ironware		...	7,122	...	47,734	...	54,856
Ivoryware		...	...	...	1,700	...	1,700
Jars	Number	25	1,968	2,359	40,982	2,384	42,950
Lakawood	Piculs	1,595 $\frac{1}{4}$	3,722	...	...	1,595 $\frac{1}{4}$	3,722
Live-stock		...	...	...	271	...	271
Machinery		...	5,000	...	44,875	...	49,875
Matches	Cases	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	985	156 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,630	207	5,615
Oils	Piculs	112	2,277	1,125	23,248	1,237	25,525
Oil (kerosene)	Cases	1,392	3,839	18,778	51,463	20,170	55,302
Opium (prepared)		...	9,858	...	90,876	...	100,734
Paddy	Piculs	3,585 $\frac{1}{2}$	7,979	782	1,345	4,367 $\frac{1}{2}$	9,324
Pepper	"	47,422 $\frac{1}{4}$	2,205,762	...	...	47,422 $\frac{1}{4}$	2,205,762
Prawns	"	448 $\frac{3}{4}$	5,994	60 $\frac{1}{4}$	992	509	6,986
(refuse)	"	...	...	383 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,750	383 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,750
Rattans	"	35,469 $\frac{1}{2}$	361,653	...	...	35,469 $\frac{1}{2}$	361,653
Rice	"	3,877 $\frac{1}{4}$	17,870	42,928 $\frac{3}{4}$	198,053	46,806	215,923
Sago—							
Flour	"	174,560 $\frac{1}{4}$	644,020	...	...	174,560 $\frac{1}{4}$	644,020
Pearl	"	335 $\frac{1}{4}$	5,310	...	...	335 $\frac{1}{4}$	5,310
Raw	Tampins	70,841	25,140	...	...	70,841	25,140
Salt	Piculs	264	544	11,726 $\frac{3}{4}$	23,899	11,990 $\frac{3}{4}$	24,443
(nipa)	Garris	...	...	13,060	186	13,060	186
Shells (common)	Piculs	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	80	...	...	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	80
Sugar	"	71 $\frac{1}{4}$	440	1,528 $\frac{1}{4}$	13,771	1,599 $\frac{1}{2}$	14,211
(nipa)	"	2,143 $\frac{3}{4}$	6,703	1,466	4,985	3,609 $\frac{3}{4}$	11,688
Sundries		...	80,883	...	349,199	...	430,082
Tea	Cases	71	1,058	88	959	159	2,017
Tengar bark	Piculs	3,730 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,714	...	...	3,730 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,714
Timber		...	185,055	...	3,390	...	188,445
Tobacco—							
Chinese	Cases	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	75	247 $\frac{1}{4}$	6,667	249 $\frac{1}{2}$	6,742
Java	Baskets	6	50	65	1,891	71	1,941
Palembang	Piculs	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	112	921 $\frac{1}{4}$	71,107	922 $\frac{1}{2}$	71,219
Treasure		...	252,329	...	277,391	...	529,720
Trepang	Piculs	39 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,007	...	...	39 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,007
Vegetable tallow seeds	"	317 $\frac{1}{2}$	730	...	...	317 $\frac{1}{2}$	730
Wines, beers, spirits, &c.		...	...	...	16,529	...	16,529
Zinc		...	632	...	1,025	...	1,657
Total		...	6,796,588	...	1,681,576	...	8,478,164

COMPARATIVE Statement of Trade during the Years 1901-02.

IMPORTS.

Year.	Foreign.		Coasting.		Total.	
	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.
		Dollars.		Dollars.		Dollars.
1901 ... ..	36,158	4,404,644	46,923	2,245,329	83,081	6,649,973
1902 ... ..	55,190	4,959,720	49,260	2,062,694	104,450	7,022,414
Increase or decrease, 1902 ...	+ 19,032	+ 555,076	+ 2,337	- 181,635	+ 21,369	+ 373,441

EXPORTS.

Year.	Foreign.		Coasting.		Total.	
	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.
		Dollars.		Dollars.		Dollars.
1901 ... ..	39,376	5,900,925	43,460	1,649,768	87,836	7,550,693
1902 ... ..	56,786	6,796,588	50,799	1,681,576	107,585	8,478,164
Increase, 1902 ...	17,410	895,663	2,339	31,808	19,749	927,471

*Extracts from Report of Treasury Department of the Sarawak Government for 1902.*

	Amount.		Increase.	
	Dol.	c.	Dol.	c.
	Revenue .. ..	1,192,039	38	127,721
Expenditure .. ..	1,139,287	8	185,468	55
Surplus .. ..	52,752	30	..	..

The state of the country is equally prosperous with last year, but when the very serious fall in the value of the dollar is considered, it can hardly be said to have advanced materially in prosperity.

The output at Brooketon Colliery was 20,810 tons, as against 20,839 tons in 1901, which shows that this mine is now in good working order.

The output at Sadong Colliery was 12,468 tons, as against 15,113 tons in 1901.

The output since 1899 has been as follows:—

Year.	Quantity.
1899 .. ..	Tons.
1900 .. ..	30,483
1901 .. ..	22,504
1902 .. ..	15,113
	12,468

The customs receipts for 1902 were as follows:—

			Amount.					
			Imports.		Exports.		Total.	
			Dol.	c.	Dol.	c.	Dol.	c.
Kuching	..	..	111,820	39	256,847	65	368,668	4
Outstations	..	..	11,302	53	25,799	85	37,102	38
Total	..	..	123,122	92	282,647	50	405,770	42

As against 1901—

			Amount.					
			Imports.		Exports.		Total.	
			Dol.	c.	Dol.	c.	Dol.	c.
Kuching	..	..	108,096	54	217,103	57	325,200	11
Outstations	..	..	11,720	18	27,774	36	39,494	54
Total	..	..	119,816	72	244,877	93	364,694	65

Giving an increase of 41,075 dol. 77 c.

This increase is chiefly attributable to increased exports of, and duties on, pepper and jelutong gutta, and to larger imports of the higher classes of tobacco.

#### SANDAKAN.

Mr. Consular-Agent Darby reports:—

The total imports for the year were valued at 3,807,621 dol. 84 c., showing an increase of approximately 15 per cent. over the figures of the previous year. The total exports were valued at 3,283,447 dol. 2 c., showing a small decrease of 3½ per cent. as compared with 1901.

The figures, however, are of little use as a basis for comparative analysis, owing to the fluctuations of silver. The returns for last year, it may be noted, contain the quantities as well as the values of the various articles imported and exported, and if these additional figures be continued in future annual returns it will be possible to gather from them some reliable information in regard to the progress of trade.

Imports consist almost entirely of the necessaries of life, and the trade, with few exceptions, is in the hands of Chinese and Kling dealers. Generally speaking competition is keen, and though there have been no failures reported during the year it is not likely that trade has been carried on at more than a moderate rate of profit to those engaged in it.

## Exports.

Exports consist chiefly of jungle produce of various kinds, wrapper tobacco and timber. The first named is mainly in the hands of the Chinese, and comprises rattans, guttapercha and indiarubber, edible birds' nests, and sago flour from the west coast of the territory. The only one of these which shows any marked decline is guttapercha, the value of the export of which decreased some 25 per cent. during 1902. This is probably due partly to a fall in price and partly to the available supplies becoming year by year more inaccessible to the native gutta hunters.

The wrapper tobacco industry shows as yet no signs of further development. Last year's crop was not a particularly good one, and it is not likely that when the tobacco has been realised estate owners will have much cause for congratulation. During the year a new estate has been opened in the interior on the west coast of the territory. If this venture be attended with any success it may possibly lead to some further development of the industry, otherwise there seems no reason to anticipate any immediate extension of it.

The timber trade is chiefly in the hands of Europeans, and at present is almost exclusively confined to China. The value of the timber exported shows a substantial increase for the year; at the same time it is open to doubt whether, during 1902, the trade was conducted at a profit.

## Shipping.

The carrying trade is mostly done under the German flag. A regular fortnightly service is maintained between North Borneo ports and Singapore, and the steamers are run to a fixed time table at the expense of somewhat high rates of freight.

The boats, though small, are adapted for the trade, and the owners have been at some pains to provide suitable passenger accommodation.

It should be added that though these steamers enjoy a monopoly of the trade, their owners, the North German Lloyd, in their annual report make a special reference to the unsatisfactory result of their working.

A regular service is also maintained between Borneo and Hong-Kong, two steamers, one owned by the North German Lloyd the other by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, dividing the trade between them.

## Currency.

It is most probable that the Chartered Company will follow the example set by the Government of the Straits Settlements and take measures in the near future to adopt some fixed rate of exchange. This territory is so dependent upon Singapore in matters of currency that it would hardly be possible for the Chartered Company to follow any other course.

## Railway.

The company's lines on the west coast have proved a disappointment during the past year, the line from Jesselton to Beaufort having been almost continuously closed to traffic.

The extension of the line from Beaufort towards Tenom is being pushed forward, though progress is slow owing to the engineering

difficulties. A large amount of money has been invested in this enterprise and it is much to be hoped that time will prove the expenditure to have been justified.

It is not often that one is able to chronicle anything in the nature of a remission of taxation here. It is therefore a pleasure to be able to record that during the year the import duty on rice was taken off. No fresh taxes of any importance have been imposed during the past year, but the present customs tariff still compares very unfavourably with those of the other neighbouring British colonies. Taxation.

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