

The first draft of a popular book on birds of Singapore was completed and a series of forty coloured plates to illustrate it was received from the printers.

### The Collections.

1925 Boden Klob

#### (a) ZOOLOGY—

##### (i) Mammals.—

The exhibited mammals were relabelled in accordance with the system started in the Primate room in 1924 and all are now mounted on a uniform type of stand. To provide increased space for the reference collection several table cases in the Weapon room have had cupboards built beneath them to contain storage boxes.

Besides specimens added to the collection as a result of the collecting expeditions important accessions include a very fine male *Rusa (Cervus unicolor equinus)* the gift of Mr. W. L. BASAPA. This has been mounted, as has also another but younger male presented to the Museum by the staff of the Pelepah Valley Estate, Johore. These two specimens together with the recently acquired female (1924), also from Johore, will make a striking group for the mammal gallery.

Donations from Mr. W. L. BASAPA have as usual been numerous and include several gibbons one of which, *Hylobates lar albimanus*, from Sumatra, is new to the Museum.

Mr. CARLTON P. BROOK of Pulau Gallang presented several interesting mammals from that island. Particular mention may be made of a rather rare small flying squirrel, *Petinomys vordermanni*.

Two large cases have been installed in the mammal gallery. One of these contains the mounted specimen of *Rhinoceros sumatrensis* which has been on exhibition for many years; the skin has been renovated to some extent but the need for a fresh specimen remains. In the other is placed the coloured cast of an adult Duyong caught in the Straits of Singapore: the shrunken brown skins previously exhibited gave a very inaccurate idea of this bulky, delicately-coloured Sirenian.

##### (ii) Birds.—

The relabelling and re-mounting of the exhibited *Passeres* was completed. Six new skin cabinets four by four by two feet nine inches, each of four drawers, have been provided and partly fitted with glass-topped boxes to contain the study collection.

The late Mr. C. J. WILSON presented some skins collected on Penang Hill, one of which, a flower-pecker *Dicaeum concolor olivaceum*, was new to the collection.

##### (iii) Fish.—

An arrangement has been made whereby fishes mounted in the Department of Fisheries, Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States, are exhibited in the Museum. Examples of several kinds of freshwater fish from the Bukit Merah Irrigation Reservoir have already been received.

##### (iv) Invertebrates (other than insects).—

A good deal of attention was given to this side of the Museum by the Assistant Curator. The wall cases on the circular balcony running round the entrance hall have been repainted inside and repolished without in a thorough manner and a newly prepared series of invertebrates now occupies

Annual Report on the Raffles Museum and Library  
Singapore, South Straits Museum

## APPENDIX B.

A list of donors to the Museum during the year:—

- BANKS, H. H.—(Seremban) Skins of juvenile Tapir and Barking Deer.
- BASAPA, W. L.—(Singapore) Mammals and Birds in the flesh. Especial mention must be made of an adult Tapir and a fine male Sambar Deer ("Rusa").
- BROOK, CARLTON, P.—(Pulau Gallang) Zoological specimens from Pulau Gallang and Sumatra.
- FLEUTIAUX, E.—(France) A collection of Oriental *Elaterida*.
- JACOBSON, E.—(Sumatra) A collection of insects from Sumatra.
- JERMYN, L. A. S.—(Johore) Pig-skulls from Johore.
- KAY-MOUAT, J. R.—(Singapore) An Eastern Barn Owl (*Tyto alba javanica*).
- MILLER, E. V.—(Singapore) A Malaysian Eagle Owl (*Hahua sumatranus*).
- PELEPAH VALLEY ESTATE.—The Staff (Johore) A male Sambar Deer in the flesh.
- TUNGKU DEWA.—(Negri Sembilan) A Clouded Leopard (*Felis nebulosa*).
- WILSON, C. J., O.B.E.—(Singapore) Five bird skins from Penang Hill.
- STIRLING, W. G.—(Singapore) Specimens of marine animals.