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HIGH COMMISSIONER TOURS CENTRAL PERAK

His Excellency the High Commissioner, General Sir Gerald Templer, today visited Tin Mines, New Villages and Government Offices in Central Perak. He was on a tour to study conditions at first hand in the State.

His first visit of the day was to an Open Cast Mine in the Kinta District. The British Adviser, Mr. I.W. Blleloch and the Inspector of Mines, Perak Eastern Section, Mr. E. B. Collins, explained to His Excellency the working of this type of Mine.

He also inspected a Tin Dredge and a Hydraulic Mine. At the Hydraulic Mine he operated a Monitor pump for a short while.

In Betu Gajah, the High Commissioner called at the District Office where he met Government Officers and had discussions with them

At Tapah in the Batang Padang District, General Sir Gerald Templer called at the Field Headquarters of the First Battalion Gordon Highlanders, where he inspected the quarters and chatted with the officers and men. H.E. also tested a gun with a silencer at the shooting range.

His Excellency was entertained to lunch by the District Officer, Batang Padang, Mr. O.W. Selters, O.B.E. At the District Officer's quarters he was introduced to the Town Headmen and their wives, miners and planters of the District, Home Guard Chief, and Government Officers.

In the afternoon, His Excellency visited Kemper Police Station where he spent some time holding discussions with the senior Police Officers of the District.

His next place of call was Jeram Village. He inspected the village, talked with the residents, examined the text books used by the pupils of the village school, and exhorted the villagers to increase their vegetable production.

Answering questions put to him by newspaper correspondents His Excellency said he enjoyed his visit to Kinta and that he had seen what he wanted to see. He said he would pay further visits to this important district.

After concluding his tour of Kinta, the High Commissioner flew over to Taiping late this afternoon, where he was to visit the Assistant Resettlement Officers' Training School, the Taiping rehabilitation camp, and Headquarters North Malaya sub-district.

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