

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

No. I. Young Malayan Tapir.

The young Malayan Tapir depicted on Plate 7 was in the possession of Khun Panom Chanaraks, the Nai King of Panom, in Surat Province. The animal had been captured two or three months previously, and had become very tame and affectionate. It was fond of licking one's hand, like a puppy. The hinder part of the trunk was slightly paler than the rest of the body, though this is hardly seen in the plate, indicating the commencement of the change to the adult colouration. It is stated that the young tapir begins to change its colour at from four to six months of age, so this animal was probably within those limits.

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No. II. A Strange Animal Reported from Roi Et.

In the "Sri Krung" of 23rd April last a strange animal was reported from the district of Pontawng in the province of Roi Et. A long and detailed description of the animal was accompanied by a sketch, based on that description. Briefly, the animal was said to be as big as an elephant, but to resemble a goat in form. According to the report a hunter came across three of these animals, two adults, one male the other female, and a young one. The hunter shot the female. The young one stayed by the dead female and was captured, but the male escaped.

It seemed worth while to make some enquiries about these strange beasts, though it was unlikely that such large animals could have remained so long unknown. Phya Indra Montri (Mr. F. H. Giles), Phra Anuwat Wanaraks and Major Eric Seidenfaden very kindly asked officials in that locality to make inquiries about these animals. Both the Governor of Roi Et and the Revenue Officer investigated the matter and reported that the animals were Serow (Lieng Pa) of the ordinary size. The Gendarmerie Officer of Sakon Nakon, however, wrote that the people living near the Phan Hills say that a strange animal does exist there, but more like a wild ox than a goat. Further information about this latter animal will be welcomed.

As far as the animals reported from Roi Et are concerned, it may be fairly safely concluded that they were Serow.

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No. III. Note on a Camphor-yielding Tree from Kanburi Province.*

A tree, belonging to the genus *Cinnamomum*, and probably an undescribed species, has been found by the Botanical Section in

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