



BURMA GAZETTEER

PEGU DISTRICT

VOLUME A

COMPILED BY

Ms. A. J, PACE, I.C.S.

SETTLEMENT OFFICER

(Reprint, 1962.)

1962

SUPERINTENDENT, GOVERNMENT PRINTING AND STATIONERY, RANGOON

their floods. Except in the hills the usual surface conformation is slight sandy elevations or ridges, and hollows of clay or loam. Salty patches-probably marine-are found extensively in the soil of the Pegu Subdivision plain.

Fauna. The chief game animals are found in the forests of the Yomas.

Elephants.-Elephants are plentiful in all the forests and do much damage to crops.

Rhinoceros.-*Rhinoceros Ladotis*, the small two-horned or Malay rhino is found in the Kadat and Zamayi reserves and in some of the reserves of Nyaunglebin Subdivision, but is rare.

Bison-*Bos* or *Gayoeus Gaurus*.-Found in many of the reserves.

Saing-*Gayoeus* or *Bos Sondaicus*.-Found in many of the reserves, especially near Thitnibin Sakan in the Pyinbon reserve.

Sambur.-*The Rusa* or *Cervus Aristotelis* or *Equinus* is found through out the jungle.

Thamin.-*The Cervus Eldi* is found in the open Indaing forests, among the marshes in the river valleys and even in the flooded grass *kwins* in the plains. A few years ago they roamed in herds of 100 to 200 in the grass *kwins* along the Pagaing bund, but have been slaughtered by Burman and Eursian hunters from Rangoon and elsewhere who carried on a regular trade in the flesh.

Daye.-*Axis* or *Cervus Porcinus*.-This deer, generally known as the hog-deer, is found in the flooded grass *kwins* and in the Yitkangyi reserve at the mouth of the Sittang.

Gyi.-*The Cervulus Aureus* or *Muntjac* is plentiful throughout the jungle.

Serow.-The Burmese species of the *Nemorhoedus Bubolina* is found rarely on the higher hills. Ghooral.-The *Nemorhoedus Coral* is said to exist in the Kadat reserve.

Pig.-*Sus Indicus* is plentiful throughout the jungle and does much damage to crops.

Tiger.-*Felis tigris* is found in most jungles. Tigers do not often take man or cattle, but in the Zamayi reserve in 1899 two tigers killed thirty human beings in one year. Tigers were found in kaing jungle even along the Pegu-Sittang canal a generation ago.