

VICEROY'S SHOOTING TOUR.

A Question of Expenses.

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The "Statesman's" **Assam** correspondent writes of the Viceroy's shoot in **Assam**. It was intensely amusing to read the paragraphs announcing that His Excellency would practically shoot alone as regards rhino, buffalo, and bison, merely wishing to add as we learn from your Allahabad correspondent: "A few trophies to his Indian bag," and according to the "Englishman" "being anxious to add a **rhinoceros**, and a buffalo or two to his game list."

Imagine what this **rhinoceros**, or a buffalo or two, will cost the Province by the time they are so added. Sixteen miles of a perfect motor road with two bridges, through an unbeaten track of country have been made. This road has for some weeks past been guarded by military police through its entire length and when the shoot is over, will become a play ground for wild elephants, and any rhino and buffalo which may be spared, and be of absolutely no use to any one.

Hundreds of police have been sent to the camp, and the district more or less denuded of its domestic elephants. The Deputy Commissioner, the Forest Officer and the District Superintendent of Police, are all taken away from their very necessary duties, to attend.

It would be vastly interesting if some one in the Accounts Department were to work out, when the bills are paid, what this **rhinoceros** and a buffalo or two will cost the Province per head by the time they are added to His Excellency's game-bag.