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of Malaya's wild animal and plant life will find a place in it. Sir Thomas Comyn-Platt recently arrived in Malaya on behalf of the Society for the Preservation of Empire Fauna bringing with him a letter written by King Edward shortly before his by King

accession.

In Malaya (the King wrote) you will probably have an opportunity of visiting the area of the new national park which their Highnesses the Sultans of Pahang, Trenganu, and Kelanaan have patriotically set aside within their territories to commemorate the King's Silver Jubilee and to preserve the fauna and flora of the Federated Malay States. I shall be glad to learn on your return that the necessary steps to make this plan effective are being carried out. I wish you all success in your mission.

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Comyn-Platt said that the British Government's interest in the scheme was disclosed
in discussions with Mr. Baldwin, Mr.
Thomas, Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Plymouth, and Sir John Maffey. mouth, and Sir John Mattey.

It was decided (he said) that we should hold an international conference to consider the preservation of South Asia fauna. Our intention is not the preservation of game for sportsmen, but for the Empire. I hope to return to England and tell the King that everything is being done in Malaya. I do not say you would exterminate game in Malaya in 30 or 40 years, but the time will come when, unless you institute methods of preservation, you will have no game at all.

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Sir Thomas Comyn-Platt visited the proposed park with Mr. Hubback, Chief Game Warden of Malaya, who has just returned from a visit to Britain. The area Mr. Hubback has in mind covers 1,900 square miles of forest, mountain, and river in the heart of the Malay Peninsula. Tiger, elephant, seladang (Malayan bison), deer of several species (including two forms of mouse-deer, dainty animals hardly heavier than a hare), and birds and reptiles abound. Fauna not to be found in the area, though found elsewhere in the peninsula, are the one-horned rhinoceros and the wild-ox. Four or five the peninsula, are the one-horner fine ceros and the wild-ox. Four or five survivors of the one-horned rhino variety are found in the jungle in Lower Perak, but there are difficulties to be overcome

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Mr. Hubback is opposed to roads within the park, though he hopes to have them to the boundaries. The only human residents in the area are a shy aboriginal tribe called the Pangan. They live in the literated for the park and the troots for the park and the pangan. tribe called the Pangan. They live shelters, and eat roots, fruits, and fish.

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Negotiations for grants from Governments in the Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States, and Unfederated Malay States are being conducted, and it is hoped that the present decentralization policy in the F.M.S. will not prevent a successful scheme on a large scale.

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