

THE VICEROY'S SHOOTING TOUR.

A QUESTION OF EXPENSES.

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 playground for wild elephants and any rhino or buffalo which may be spared, and be of absolutely no use to anyone.

Hundreds of police have been sent to the camp, and the district more or less denied 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.

Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Minto, accompanied by Lady Eileen Elliot and Col. Dunlop Smith (Private Secretary), Col. Victor Brooke (Military Secretary), Col. Crooke Lawless (Surgeon to the Viceroy), and Capt. Lord Francis Scott and Jelf (A.D.C.s) arrived at Sarupeta Station by special train, which was in charge of Col. Brooke (manager) and Mr. Kiernander (traffic superintendent) of the Eastern Bengal State Railway.

They were met by the Maharaja Kumar of Cooch Behar, Mr. Dentith, superintendent of the Cooch Behar State, Mr. Rivett Carnac, deputy-inspector-general of police, Eastern Bengal and Assam, and other local officers. The party proceeded to the camp at Lahapara, fifteen miles distant, where they were met by the Maharaja of Cooch Behar and Major Herbert, deputy-commissioner, Kamrup, in camp as guests of the Viceroy.

MILITARY AND NAVAL.

Good Service Pension.—On the recommendation of the Government of India, his Majesty's Government have been pleased to confer a good-service pension on the undermentioned officer, with effect from Oct. 1, 1908, in the room of Surg.-Gen. J. P. Greany, M.D., Indian Medical Service, retired:—

SURG.-GEN. P. H. BENSON, M.B., Indian Medical Service.

COMMISSIONS.—Surgeon (ranking with lieutenant), April 1, 1874; surgeon (ranking with captain), April 1, 1880; surgeon-major (ranking with major), April 1, 1886; lieutenant-colonel, March 31, 1894; colonel, Oct. 11, 1904; surgeon-general (ranking as major-general), April 1, 1908.

APPOINTMENTS.—Attached General Hospital, Madras, Nov. 13, 1874, to Feb. 12, 1875; attached Lying-in Hospital, Madras, Feb. 13, 1875, to March 15, 1875; officiating superintendent of vaccination, March 16, 1875, to Aug. 8, 1875; officiating civil surgeon, Coimbatore, and in medical charge of Central Gaols, Aug. 9, 1875, to Oct. 29, 1875; medical officer in charge, Prince of Wales's Camp, Oct. 30, 1875, to Dec. 2, 1875; in medical charge, C-9 batty. Royal Art., Dec. 3, 1875, to March 6, 1876; in medical charge, 12th Madras Inf., March 7, 1876, to June 22, 1876; civil surgeon, Nagar Division, and superintendent of gaol, June 23, 1876, to April 13, 1880; acting civil surgeon and superintendent of gaol, Mysore, and chemical analyst to Government, April 19, 1880, to July 13, 1880; civil surgeon, Nagar Division, and superintendent of gaol, July 14, 1880, to March 31, 1881; residency surgeon in Mysore, April 1, 1881, to Aug. 15, 1883; acting civil surgeon of Mysore, Aug. 16, 1883, to Dec. 31, 1883; officiating civil surgeon and superintendent of gaol and chemical examiner of Mysore Government, Jan. 1, 1884, to Nov. 22, 1884, civil surgeon and chemical examiner of Mysore and superintendent, Mysore Gaol, May 20, 1885, to April 29, 1896 (officiating senior surgeon and sanitary commissioner to Mysore Government, June 30, 1891, to Nov. 22, 1891); senior surgeon and sanitary commissioner with the Government of Mysore and inspector-general of prisons in Mysore, April 30, 1896, to May 27, 1903; officiating inspector-general civil hospitals and sanitary commissioner, Burma, June 2, 1903, to Jan. 22, 1904; senior surgeon and sanitary commissioner, Mysore Government, Jan. 29, 1904, to March 9, 1904; officiating principal medical officer, Madras district, April 10, 1904, to Oct. 10, 1904; principal medical officer, Madras Brigade, Oct. 11, 1904, to Sept. 30, 1905; principal medical officer, Bangalore and Southern Brigade, Oct. 1, 1905, to Nov. 21, 1906 (officiating surgeon-general, Government of Madras, April 29, 1906, to Nov. 3, 1906); principal medical officer, Poona Division, Nov. 22, 1906, to March 31, 1908; surgeon-general with the Government of Madras, April 1, 1908.

The Royal Scots.—A farewell parade of the Royal Scots was held on Saturday, Feb. 13, at Colaba, when the General Officer commanding the Bombay Brigade addressed the regiment and bore testimony to the high standard of smartness and efficiency that had been maintained throughout their stay in Bombay. The regiment sailed during the week for home.

The Unattached List.—The following officers appointed to the Unattached List of the Indian Army are attached on arrival in India to the British regiments shown against their names: Second Lieut. Nugent, 2nd batt. Royal Highlanders; Lieut.

Macpherson, 2nd batt. Royal Highlanders; Lieut. Birbeck, 2nd batt. Royal Berkshire Regt.; Lieut. Hobson, 1st batt. Northamptonshire Regt.; Lieut. Webb, 2nd batt. Royal Fusiliers; Lieut. Grant, 2nd batt. Liverpool Regt.; Lieut. Taylor, 1st batt. Royal Munster Fusiliers; Lieut. Murray, 2nd batt. Royal Highlanders; Lieut. Munn, 2nd batt. Royal Irish Fusiliers; Lieut. Dillen, 1st batt. Royal Sussex Regt.; Lieut. Stewart, 1st batt. Northumberland Fusiliers; Lieut. Johnson, 1st batt. Bedfordshire Highlanders; Lieut. Young, 2nd batt. Worcestershire Regt.; Lieut. Maxwell, 1st batt. Essex Regt.; Lieut. Drummond, 4th batt. Worcestershire Regt.; Lieut. Martin, 1st batt. Lancashire Fusiliers; Lieut. Cassidy, 1st batt. Royal Lancashire Regt.; Lieut. Walchman, 1st batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, and Lieut. Mixon, 17th Lancers. Second Lieut. Baker, 2nd batt. Royal Berkshire Regt.; Second Lieut. Mackenzie, 1st batt. Royal Sussex Regt.; Second Lieut. Betham, 1st batt. West Yorkshire Regt.; Second Lieut. Ferrier, 1st batt. Royal Sussex Regt.; Second Lieut. Faithfull, 2nd batt. North Stafford Regt.; Second Lieut. Gulland, 1st batt. Seaforth Highlanders; Second Lieut. Scott, 1st batt. Royal Irish Regt.; Second Lieut. Churchhill, 1st batt. Royal Munster Fusiliers; Second Lieut. Heyland, 1st batt. Essex Regt.; Second Lieut. Cummins, 1st batt. South Wales Borderers; Second Lieut. Windeler, 1st batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt.; Second Lieut. Spurgin, 1st batt. West Riding Regt.; Second Lieut. Cremen, 1st Lancashire Fusiliers; Second Lieut. Boyd, 1st batt. West Riding Regt.; Second Lieut. Fraser, 14th Hussars.

Departure of the "Dongola."—The hired transport *Dongola*, Capt. H. Powell, sailed for Southampton with the 2nd batt. Royal Scots and details, comprising seventy officers, twenty-three ladies, and eleven children, thirteen warrant officers, fourteen women, and twenty children, 1,076 non-commissioned officers and men, sixty-five women, and ninety-eight children. The following are the names of the saloon passengers:—

Col. E. H. Armitage and wife and infant, R.H.A.; Lieut.-Col. F. H. Treherne, wife and child, R.A.M.C.; Lieut.-Col. H. P. V. Bunbury, 2nd R. Scots; Major Williams, late Muns. Fus.; Major Graeme and wife, H.L.I.; Major Lyall and wife, 4th Goorkhas; Major Northey, wife and two children, K.R. Rifles; Major P. C. Dundas and wife, 2nd R. Scots; Major A. E. Milner, wife and infant, R.A.M.C.; Major F. J. Duncan and wife, 2nd R. Scots; Cap. A. R. Davis and wife, 2nd Sussex Regt.; Capt. and Qmtr. G. Rupert and wife, 13th Hussars; Capt. G. C. Pratt, 2nd R. Scots; Capt. F. Irvine and wife, R.E.; Capt. J. W. Skipworth, R.E.; Capt. Baillie Hamilton, 2nd R. Scots; Capt. J. A. W. Webster, R.A.M.C.; Capt. R. C. Wilmot, R.A.M.C.; Capt. H. B. Kelly, R.A.M.C.; Capt. E. M. Prunefather and H. B. Branson, I. Army; Capt. F. Beaufort and wife, M.W.S.; Capt. Barlow, wife and child, Hamp. Regt.; Capt. C. E. S. Bower, R.A.; Lieut. C. P. B. Raill, E. York. Regt.; Lieut. and Qmtr. A. E. Everingham, wife and two children, 2nd R. Scots; Lieut. J. Ardoing and wife, I. Army; Lieut. H. Hodson, N. Staffords.; Lieut. H. S. Mitchell, I. Army; Lieut. J. S. Brunett, I. Army; Lieut. H. Murray, Black Watch; Lieut. N. Donaldson, R.F.A.; Lieut. E. D. Lewin, R.H.A.; Lieut. E. G. W. Carter, R.G.A.; Lieut. R. G. Strong and wife, I. Army; Lieut. W. H. M. McGowan, R.G.A.; Lieut. P. Mortimer and wife, S. and T.; Lieut. and Adj. J. M. C. Scott, 2nd R. Scots; Lieut. C. C. Fee, R.I. Rifle; Lieut. A. Riddell and wife, I. Army; Lieut. C. G. Auchinbeck, I. Army; Lieut. A. H. Beaumont, K.R. Corps; Lieut. A. H. Burnett and wife, K.R. Corps; Lieut. R. P. Morrison, 2nd R. Scots; Lieut. J. M. McKenzie, 2nd R. Scots; Lieut. W. H. Clarke, I. Army; Lieut. P. T. L. Thompson, I. Army; Lieut. H. W. Mulne, I. Army; Lieut. H. S. Robertson, 2nd R. Scots; Lieut. C. C. S. Brownlow, I. Army; Lieut. T. H. Wilcox, I. Army; Lieut. A. W. Galway, R.I. Rifles; Lieut. O. A. Duke, I. Army; Lieut. F. S. Greenhouse, I. Army; Lieut. A. O. H. Wright, R.I. Rifles; Lieut. W. C. H. Cree, R.F.A.; Lieut. C. Geldard, R.A.; Lieut. H. D. Saward, 2nd R. Scots; Lieut. M. H. Anderson, 2nd R. Scots; Lieut. F. S. Wodehouse, I. Army; Lieut. A. C. Palmer, I. Army; Lieut. J. R. Boothley, 2nd R. Scots; Lieut. H. Warneford, Middle Regt.; Lieut. R. E. Toker, I. Army; 2nd Lieut. C. Bridger, R. Sussex Regt.; 2nd Lieut. T. S. Riddell Webster, Scottish Rifles; 2nd Lieut. A. C. Bridges, N. Stafford; 2nd Lieut. G. W. Clark, 2nd R. Scots; Lieut. G. D. Jeatman, Dorset Regt.; wife of Col. E. W. N. Pedder and child, 13th Hussars; sister of Lieut. D. J. B. McMahon, Gloucester Regt.; widow of Capt. J. Dauncey and two infants, Dorset Regt.; Rev. J. C. Matthew, Eccl. Dept.; wife of Major Widdcomb and child, J.A.

A Driver Killed.—A telegram of Feb. 19 from Belgaum states a sad accident, under tragic circumstances, occurred this evening, when Driver Harris, of the 84th Royal Field Art., lately arrived at Belgaum, was one, among others, ready to start for the railway station with limbers to bring new guns. Just when he was starting the horses shied, threw Harris down, and kicked and dragged him ten yards. The wheels ran over his body, and he died in three minutes. Afterwards he was picked up, and before medical assistance arrived another driver also was severely injured.

The question of an increase of pay to the levy corps on the North-West Frontier may possibly be taken up, as a result of higher pay being given to the Indian Army.

News has been received in Secunderabad of official recognition by Government of the mounted detachment, "The Scouts," of the Hyderabad Volunteer Rifles. Strenuous efforts have been made for the past eighteen months to win the acknowledgment and the sanction will give satisfaction. The "Scouts," recruited from the leading professional and business men in Secunderabad and Hyderabad, number about forty, but the number is bound now to increase.