

# 1937 A PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR PERAK

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## Ipoh To Be The Capital

### BUDGET MEETING OF STATE COUNCIL

(From Our Own Correspondent)

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**A**T the Budget meeting of the Perak State Council held this morning at Taiping, presided over by H.H. The Sultan, the British Resident, the Hon. Mr. G. E. Cator, reviewing the Budget proposals, touched on the subject of transfer of the Administrative headquarters from Taiping to Ipoh. He said:

"Many will regard the transfer with regret, for association's sake, but nobody who is honest with himself can deny that geographically Ipoh is more suitably placed than Taiping to be the administrative headquarters of the State.

"In this matter is it the general convenience of the State and not prestige or personal preferences which must be considered."

The Resident said that the scheme of transfer would be completed in seven years.

Another important matter he referred to was the proposal to replace the present Ipoh Hospital by a well equipped and modern hospital to accommodate 600 beds, with later extensions for 750 more beds.

#### A GENEROUS BUDGET

Several other matters of public utility were dealt with in the Budget proposals and in his interesting survey of the Budget the Resident, analysing various items, proposed expenditure for next year amounting to \$16,287,453. He said: "The year 1937 has been a prosperous year and there is no reason that one can foresee to anticipate a serious deterioration in 1938. The Budget is accordingly framed on lines a good deal more generous than those to which we have been accustomed during the last five years. It is, however, still essentially a recovery budget and its primary aim is to make good the ground lost in the slump and earlier."

#### EFFECTS OF DECENTRALISATION

Colonel Cecil Rae, who seconded the adoption of the Budget, congratulated the Government and the Resident on the acceptable Budget presented and pointed out that it showed very clearly the effects of the Decentralization policy in the matter of State finances.

Before the meeting H.H. The Sultan inspected a guard of honour provided by the Malay Volunteer Infantry under Lieut. E. H. S. Bretherton.

The Sultan later presented six silver bugles to members of the Malay Regiment and this was followed by another ceremony at which the Resident presented the insignia of the I.S.M. to Che Mohamed Ali bin Haji Sulaiman, a retired officer of the Education Department.

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