

undeveloped agricultural land. There is a tendency amongst a few Chinese to buy up land in the neighbourhood of the railway and roads with a view to future development.

The Government have leased 88 acres of waste land at Fan Ling to the Royal Hongkong Golf Club who have laid out an 18 hole course, a large club house has been built and a bungalow has been erected in the neighbourhood of the links by a private individual. Three private families have erected or rented bungalows at Tai Po and further enquiries are being made for building sites there.

III.—LEGISLATION.

Forty-three Ordinances were passed during 1912 of which 18 were amendments to other Ordinances and 11 were connected with the Revision of the Ordinances of Hongkong.

The most important Ordinances were Chinese Marriage Preservation (No. 42), Foreign Copper Coin (No. 11), Full Court (No. 27) and Limited Partnerships (No. 18).

IV.—EDUCATION.

There are 63 Government and Grant Schools, the most important of which is Queen's College. Of these 20 are Upper Grade Schools with a staff competent to give instruction in all subjects of the 7th Standard and above. These latter schools have an average attendance of 4,054, and the medium of instruction in all of them, with the exception of four girls' schools, is English. The 43 remaining schools are all Lower Grade. They comprise one school for British Indians, where English and Urdu are taught, four Government Schools and 38 Grant Vernacular Schools. The average attendance at all these Lower Grade Schools is 1,984. The total average attendance at both grades of schools is 6,038.

The revenue derived from school fees was \$66,172.50 (of which \$32,720 was from Queen's College).

Two schools are limited to children of British parentage. Both these schools (one for boys, the other for girls) are under the Government. In 1912 the combined average attendance at them was 99.

The Hongkong Technical Institute affords an opportunity for higher education to students who have left school. Instruction was given in 1912 in Mathematics, Machine Drawing and Building Construction; in Chemistry, Physics and Electricity; in Commercial English, Logic and Political Economy; in French and German, Shorthand and Book-keeping. Classes in Sanitation (Public Hygiene)