

Appendix B.

REPORT ON THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 1913-1914.

1. His Excellency the Governor-in-Council, under Section 8 of the Rating Ordinance No. 6 of 1901, ordered the existing valuation for 1912-1913 to be adopted as the valuation for 1913-1914. During the year ending 30th June, 1913, no general assessment has been made, the difference in Rateable Value being the result of Interim Assessments.

2. *The City of Victoria.*—The Rateable Value has increased from \$10,072,535 to \$10,236,737, an addition of \$164,202, or 1·63 per cent.

3. *Hill District.*—The Rateable Value has increased from \$290,165 to \$298,865, an addition of \$8,700, or 2·99 per cent.

4. *Shauiwan, Sai Wan Ho and Quarry Bay.*—The Rateable Value has increased from \$365,965 to \$370,040, an addition of \$4,075 or 1·11 per cent.

5. *Hongkong Villages.*—The Rateable Value has increased from \$130,394 to \$133,413, an addition of \$3,019, or 2·31 per cent.

6. *Kowloon Point.*—The Rateable Value has decreased from \$528,415 to \$509,580, a reduction of \$18,835, or 3·56 per cent.

7. *Yaumati.*—The Rateable Value has increased from \$260,575 to \$262,335, an addition of \$1,760, or 0·67 per cent.

8. *Mongkoktsui.*—The Rateable Value has increased from \$153,975 to \$156,690, an addition of \$2,715, or 1·76 per cent.

9. *Hunghom and Hok Un.*—The Rateable Value has increased from \$295,449 to \$295,589, an addition of \$140, or 0·04 per cent.

10. *New Kowloon.*—The Rateable Value has decreased from \$119,250 to \$103,347, a reduction of \$15,903, or 13·33 per cent.

11. *Kowloon Villages.*—The Rateable Value has decreased from \$95,583 to \$84,396, a reduction of \$11,187, or 11·7 per cent.

12. *The Whole Colony.*—The Rateable Value has increased from \$12,312,306 to \$12,450,992, an addition of \$138,686, or 1·12 per cent.

13. *Interim Valuations*.—Between 1st June, 1912, and 30th June, 1913, rates became payable on 455 Interim Valuations made during that period as follows :—

	City of Victoria.			Rest of Colony.		
	No.	Rateable Value.		No.	Rateable Value.	
		\$	\$		\$	\$
New and/or Rebuilt Tenements,	149	...	221,121	114	...	50,564
Tenements structurally altered,	35	111,196		30	64,917	
Replacing Assessments of,		94,385			53,937	
			16,811			10,980
			237,932			61,544
Assessments cancelled, tenements pulled down, or being in other respects not rateable,	76		99,204	51		70,315
No. and Increase,	260		138,728	195		..
Decrease,						8,771

14. *Vacant Tenements*.—The number of reported vacant tenements in the City of Victoria inspected under Section 35 of the Rating Ordinance averaged about 56 monthly as compared with 60 last year.

15. The following table gives a comparison of the assessments for 1912-1913 and 1913-1914:—

District.	Valuation 1912-13.	Valuation 1913-14.	Increase.	Decrease.	Percentage.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
The City of Victoria,	10,072,535	10,236,737	164,202	...	1.63 Increase.
Hill District and Hongkong Villages, ...	786,524	802,318	15,794	...	2.00 Increase.
Kowloon Point and Kowloon Villages,	1,453,247	1,411,937	...	41,310	2.84 Decrease.
	12,312,306	12,450,992	179,996	41,310
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Total,	\$ 12,312,306	12,450,992	188,686	...	1.12 Increase.

16. Comparative statement showing the Rateable Value of the Colony of Hongkong in each of the ten years from 1904-1905 to 1913-1914 inclusive:—

Year.	Rateable Value.	Increase as compared with previous year.	Decrease as compared with previous year.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease in Rateable Value as compared with the previous year.
	\$	\$	\$	%
1904-05, ...	9,929,171	1,141,108	...	12.98 Increase.
1905-06, ...	10,511,163	581,992	...	5.86 „
1906-07, ...	10,969,203	458,040	...	4.35 „
1907-08, ...	10,716,173	...	253,030	2.30 Decrease.
1908-09, ...	10,816,753	100,580	...	0.93 Increase.
1909-10, ...	10,750,902	...	65,851	0.60 Decrease.
1910-11, ...	11,082,179	331,277	...	3.08 Increase.
1911-12, ...	11,161,390	79,211	...	0.71 „
1912-13, ...	12,312,306	1,150,916	...	10.31 „
1913-14, ...	12,450,992	138,686	...	1.12 „

7. *Staff.*—Mr. Arthur Chapman, Assessor, went on a year's leave on 10th September last from which date I was appointed to assume the duties of the post. Mr. Tang Shing Cheung and Mr. Chu Tsan Hing have discharged their duties as Clerk and Interpreter respectively to my satisfaction.

DAVID WOOD,
Assessor.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE,
1st July, 1913.