

Appendix K.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISON FOR THE YEAR 1912.

1. The number of prisoners received into prison during the year and the corresponding number for the year 1911 were as follows:—

	1912.	1911.
Convicted by Ordinary Courts, - -	5,205	3,644
" " Courts Martial, - -	7	—
Supreme Court for China and Corea, -	5	—
High Court, Wei-hai-wei, - - -	2	—
Debtors, - - - - -	66	65
On remand or in default of finding surety, - - - - -	951	469
Total, - - - - -	6,236	4,178

There was an increase of 2,058 on the total number of admissions as compared with the year 1911. There was an increase of prisoners convicted for Larceny during the year under review, the number being 1,023 against 737 for the previous year.

2. The number of prisoners admitted to prison for offences not of a criminal nature was 3,418 made up as follows:—

Convicted by Courts Martial, - - - - -	7	
Debtors, - - - - -	66	
Convicted under the Opium Ordinance, - - -	596	
" " " Opium Divan Ordinance, -	757	
" " " Gambling " -	448	
" " " Market " -	103	
" " " Arms " -	69	
" " " Vehicles " -	36	
" " " Sanitary By-laws, - - -	23	
" " " Harbour Regulations, -	81	
" " " Post Office Ordinance, -	6	
" " " Women & Girls Protection Ordinance, - - - - -	15	
" " " Stowaway Ordinance, - - -	65	
" " " Servants' Quarters Ordi- nance, - - - - -	4	
" " " Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, - - - - -	1	
" " " Dangerous Goods Ordi- nance, - - - - -	11	
<i>Carried forward,</i> - - - - -	2,291	

	<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	2,291
Convicted under the Pharmacy Ordinance,-	-	2
" " " Chinese Wine and Spirit Ordinance, -	-	10
" " " Gardens Regulations, -	-	5
" " " Weights and Measures Ordinance, -	-	1
" " " Stamp Ordinance, -	-	1
" " " Dogs " " -	-	1
" " " Eating House Ordinance, -	-	4
" " " Lodging " " -	-	1
" for Asleep on duty, -	-	1
" " Posting up notice without permission, -	-	1
" " Taking wild birds from trees, -	-	2
" " Wasting Water, -	-	7
" " Hawking without a licence, -	-	322
" " Extinguishing Gas Lamp, -	-	1
" " Bringing a False Charge, -	-	1
" " Using Threatening Language, -	-	3
" " Removing Sand, Stones and Earth without permission, -	-	6
" " Depositing rubbish in the public street, -	-	19
" " Travelling on the river-steamers without paying legal fare, -	-	6
" " Refusing to pay legal vehicle fare, -	-	3
" " Drunkenness, -	-	13
" " Trespassing, -	-	102
" " Disorderly Conduct, -	-	103
" " Vagrancy, -	-	13
" " Contempt of Court, -	-	2
" " Assault, -	-	95
" " Obstruction, -	-	132
" " Cutting Trees, -	-	25
" " Fighting, -	-	3
" " Mendicancy, -	-	72
" " Rogue and Vagabond, -	-	103
" " Malicious Damage, -	-	14
" " Breach of Contract, -	-	7
" " Breach of Licence Conditions, -	-	26
" " Applying false trade marks,-	-	3
" " Catching fish by explosives, -	-	3
" " Offering bribe, -	-	4
" " Leaving the service without giving due notice, -	-	9
" " Exposing indecent pictures,-	-	1
	Total,-	<u>3,418</u>

3. The above figures show that 65 per cent. of the total admissions to prison were for non-criminal offences. The percentage in 1911 was 67.

The following Table shows the number of prisoners committed to prison without the option of fine and in default of payment of fine:—

	Without option of fine.	In default of payment of fine.			Total.
		Served the imprisonment.	Paid full fine.	Paid part fine.	
1911.	1,753	2,315	589	562	5,219
1912.	1,477	1,350	410	407	3,644

4. There were 162 juveniles admitted into prison 117 of whom were sentenced to be whipped forthwith or in addition to various terms of imprisonment varying from twenty-four hours' detention to 6 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

5. The percentage of convicted prisoners admitted to prison with previous convictions recorded against them was 17·3 as compared with 15·4 for 1911.

6. There were 136 prisoners admitted who were convicted by the Police Court in the New Territories against 100 for the previous year (109 in 1910).

7. The following Table shows the number of convicts in custody on the 31st December for the past ten years, and the percentage of the total number of prisoners in custody to the estimated population of Hongkong:—

Year.	Estimated Population.	No. of Convicts.	Percentage to Population.	Daily Average number of prisoners.	Percentage to Population.
1903	410,642	245	·059	653	·159
1904	446,217	213	·051	726	·162
1905	462,861	216	·046	697	·150
1906	414,049	156	·037	518	·125
1907	414,415	146	·035	502	·121
1908	420,741	130	·038	465	·110
1909	428,858	180	·042	560	·130
1910	435,986	208	·048	547	·125
1911	464,277	241	·052	595	·128
1912	467,777	222	·047	701	·149

8. There were 876 punishments awarded for breach of prison discipline, being an average of 1.40 per prisoner as compared with 957 with an average of 1.61 for the preceding year. There were 14 cases in which corporal punishment was inflicted during the year. There were 305 prisoners whipped by order of the Courts.

9. There was one escape but the prisoner was recaptured by the police.

10. There were 11 deaths from natural causes, and one execution.

11. Constant attention is given to the instruction of long-sentence prisoners of good conduct, who are employed at industrial labour.

12. There were 5,469,235 forms printed and issued to the various Government Departments and 50,220 books bound and repaired during the year under review.

13. The sanitary condition of the prison is good.

14. The buildings generally are in good repair.

15. Owing to the overcrowded state of the prison, it was again necessary, on account of the inadequate cell accommodation, to locate prisoners in the corridors in association. The store room over the Hospital and the old Shoe-makers' shop had also to be used as association wards during the greater part of the year.

16. The conduct of the European Officers has as a rule been excellent and that of the Indian Staff satisfactory.

17. The appliances for use in case of fire are in good condition, and the water supply adequate.

18. The rules laid down for the government of the prison have been complied with.

19. Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse acted as Assistant Superintendent during the absence on leave of Mr. R. H. A. Craig.

20. I append the usual returns.

F. J. BADELEY,
Superintendent.

12th March, 1913.

Table I.

Return showing the Expenditure and Income for the year 1912.

Expenditure.	Amount.	Income.	Amount.
	\$		\$
	c.		c.
Pay and Allowance of Officers including Uniform, &c.,	62,811.97	Earning of Prisoners,	60,976.50
Victualling of Prisoners,	18,862.99	Debtors' Subsistence,	473.25
Fuel, Light, Soap and Dry Earth,	9,056.10	Wei-Hai-Wei Prisoners' Subsistence,	67.20
Clothing of Prisoners, Bedding and Furniture,	6,846.76	Shanghai Prisoners' Subsistence,	232.75
		Naval Prisoners' Subsistence,	58.80
		Military Prisoners' Subsistence,	8.40
		Subsistence of Prisoners sentenced by Marine Magistrate,	384.90
		Waste Food sold,	147.00
		Paid out of Colonial Revenue for Prisoners' Maintenance,	35,229.02
	\$ 97,577.82		\$ 97,577.82

Average annual cost per prisoner \$50.25—in 1911 \$66.50 and in 1910 \$80.80.

Table II.

Return showing Expenditure and Income for the past 10 years.

Year.	Expenditure.		Income.		Actual Cost of Prisoners' Maintenance.		Average Cost per Prisoner.	
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
1903.....	108,139.60		34,136.64		74,002.96		113.33	
1904.....	113,251.48		37,186.64		76,064.84		104.77	
1905.....	110,687.83		39,444.50		71,243.33		102.21	
1906.....	96,202.08		39,613.26		56,588.82		109.24	
1907.....	89,711.39		40,079.90		49,631.49		98.86	
1908.....	95,537.85		48,066.33		47,471.52		102.09	
1909.....	97,926.80		46,421.13		51,505.67		91.97	
1910.....	96,302.19		52,104.75		44,197.44		80.80	
1911.....	93,458.23		53,889.26		39,568.97		66.50	
1912.....	97,577.82		62,348.80		35,229.02		50.25	

Table III.

Return showing value of Industrial Labour for the year 1912.

Nature of Industry.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Value of Stock on hand January 1st 1912.	Value of Materials Purchased.	Total Dr.	Value of Articles Manufactured or work done for Payment.	Value of Articles Manufactured or work done for (Gain or other Departments.	Value of Stock on hand December 31st, 1912.	Total Cr.	Value of Earnings (Difference between columns 3 & 7).
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Oakum, .....	...	396.00	396.00	850.50	...	99.00	949.50	553.50
Coir,	421.18	1,306.19	1,727.37	2,447.98	448.02	174.88	3,070.88	1,348.51
Netmaking,	7.47	60.74	68.21	139.92	24.00	...	163.92	95.71
Tailoring,	718.97	1,589.82	2,258.79	156.69	3,647.46	10.94	3,815.09	1,556.30
Rattan, .....	.60	26.70	27.30	14.05	49.90	2.50	66.45	39.15
Tinsmithing,	17.80	217.23	235.03	83.12	224.92	27.14	335.18	100.15
Carpentering,	299.40	459.21	758.61	280.64	929.39	19.30	1,229.33	470.72
Grass-matting, .....	.72	28.00	28.72	...	33.00	1.90	34.90	6.18
Shoemaking,	98.62	1,584.61	1,683.23	445.79	1,310.70	285.58	2,042.07	358.84
Laundry,	5.00	1,321.99	1,326.99	...	6,593.56	3.42	6,602.98	5,275.99
Printing and Book-binding,	10,976.31	8,936.61	19,912.92	198.53	59,893.30	10,997.54	71,089.37	51,176.45
Total,.....	\$ 12,546.07	15,877.10	28,423.17	*4,617.22	73,160.25	11,622.20	89,399.67	60,976.50

* Paid into Bank during 1912, which sum includes \$171.18 for work executed in 1912, \$4,636.08. Value of work executed during 1912, for which payment was deferred to 1913, \$152.32.

Table IV.

Return showing the Employment of Prisoners and the Value of their Labour, during the year 1912.

Description of Employment.	Rate per diem.	Daily Average Number.			Value of Prison Labour.
		Males.	Females	Total.	
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Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Chinese New Year Day :—					
Cooking.....	12 c.	9		9	59.40
Cleaning,	10	30	4	34	187.00
Non-productive, .....	...	625	33	658	
		664	37	701	
Other Days :—					
Debtors. Remands. On punishment, Sick, .....	...	58	5	63	
Crank, Shot, Shot and Stone, .....	...	144		144	
In Manufactories :—					
Book-binding.	20	44		44	2,736.80
Printing	20	46		46	2,861.20
Printing-labourers,	10	13		13	404.30
Oakum picking,	2	190	16	206	1,281.32
Coir-matting	15	25		25	1,166.25
Shoe-making,	20	14		14	870.80
Tailoring,	15	17	5	22	1,026.30
Net-making, String-making & ships' fender-making.....	10	9		9	279.90
In Building :—					
Carpentering, and Fitting,....	20	18		18	1,119.60
In Service of the Prison :—					
Laundry,.....	15	37	7	44	2,052.60
Cooking,.....	12	9		9	335.88
Cleaning,	10	30	4	34	1,057.40
Whitewashing,	10	10		10	311.00
Total,.....	...	664	37	701	\$15,749.75