

There were 3,367 deaths from respiratory diseases other than Pulmonary Tuberculosis as compared with 4,290 in 1925, and 25 of these were among the Non-Chinese community. Pulmonary Tuberculosis claimed 1,489 Chinese and 28 non-Chinese victims whilst other forms of Tuberculosis represent an additional 395 deaths making a total of 1,912 or 16.17 per cent. of the total deaths among the community.

Beri-beri was responsible for 1,192 deaths, as compared with 1,744 during 1925 and 1,502 in 1924.

A tabular statement of the principal causes of death is appended.

(c.)—CLIMATE.

The climate of Victoria is similar in its broad features to that of Kowloon and the New Territories, but at the higher levels, from 1,400 to 1,800 feet above sea level the temperature is on the average about 3° lower than at the Observatory, Kowloon, in the winter, and 8° lower in the summer. The humidity is usually greater than in Kowloon and approaches saturation for several days at a time during March and April when mist is very prevalent. In summer the city of Victoria, and the rising terraces behind it, derive little or no benefit from the SW monsoon, being sheltered by steep hills from SE to SW. In winter it is exposed to the NE monsoon, which occasionally blows along the harbour through Lyemun Pass with considerable violence. On the other hand the south-west side of the Island is protected from the NE monsoon in winter and enjoys the benefit of the SW monsoon in summer.

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES.

The total revenue from the postal service in 1926 amounted to \$698,606.13 being \$54,394.61 more than that collected in 1925. The net expenditure amounted to \$263,775.04. The balance of revenue over expenditure amounted to \$434,831.09.

The revenue collected in 1926 from radio-telegrams amounted to \$67,201.39 being \$13,141.30 less than that collected in 1925. Advices of vessels signalled at the lighthouses yielded \$903.60, semaphore messages \$28.30 and Wireless Receiving Stations \$125.00, making a total of \$68,258.29 for the telegraph service. The expenditure amounted to \$61,926.86. The number of radio-telegrams forwarded during the year was 7,836 consisting of 81,010 words, and 13,725 were received consisting of 156,128 words.

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