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MISCELLANEOUS NUMERICAL RETURNS, 1927.

Country, District, or Parish.	Number of Savings Banks.	Number of Friendly Societies.	Number of Depositors in Savings Bank.	Number of Persons connected with Friendly Societies.	Persons paying direct Taxes.	Paupers.	Number of Im- migrants.	Number of Emi- grants.	Remarks.
Victoria, Hong Kong.....	1	No figures available.					181,100	285,593	

1.—RETURN OF CASES brought under the cognizance of the SUPREME COURT of
HONG KONG during the year 1926.

ORIGINAL AND SUMMARY JURISDICTIONS.

Jurisdic- tion.	No. of Cases in 1927.	Debt and Damages for 1927.	Settled or with- drawn before trial.	JUDGMENT.			Struck out, Dismissed and Lapsed Writs.	Pending.	Debt and Damages recovered.
				Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.			
Original.....	410	*\$6,669,108.43	80	175	10	...	...	145	\$2,651,486 11
Summary,	1,857	557,994.12	447	861	46	8	47	448	251,590.09

2.—RETURN OF DISTRESS WARRANTS FOR RENT issued during the year 1927.
(Ordinance No. 1 of 1883.)

Number issued.	Sold to pay Claims.	Number withdrawn.	Aggregate Rent involved.	Aggregate Sum recovered on sales.
1,334	477	857	\$307,287.79	\$80,569.92

3.—APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

APPEALS COMMENCED.	APPEALS TRIED.				
	No. of Cases.	JUDGMENT.			
		Appellant.	Respondent.	Pending.	Withdrawn.
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4.—ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

Actions instituted.	Number heard.	Settled or withdrawn.	Pending.
16	1	13	2

5.—COMPARATIVE RETURN of all SUMS COLLECTED in the REGISTRY of the SUPREME COURT,
during the years 1926 and 1927, and paid into the TREASURY.
exclusive of fees in respect of Licences to keep Local Registers and China Companies Fees.

	1926.	1927.
COURT FEES	\$ 76,800.50	\$ 65,709.95
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S COMMISSION.....	3,201.33	544.06
HONG KONG COMPANIES REGISTRATION	11,305.00	12,564.80
POSSESSION FEES	25,520.50	16,910.00
FINES AND FORFEITURES.....	35.00	...
INTEREST.....	390.28	526.25
	<u>\$117,252.61</u>	<u>\$ 96,254.96</u>

6.—COMPANIES REGISTRATION, 1927.
(Companies Ordinance 1911.)

Companies transferred to Shanghai Register.	Companies transferred from Shanghai to Hong Kong.	Companies in the course of liquidation.	Defunct Companies.	Companies registered during the year.	Amount of fees received.		
					Collected in Hong Kong.	Collected in Shanghai.	Total.
Nil.	Nil.	61	33	47	\$ 12,564.80	\$ 133,618.48	\$...

6A.—CHINESE PARTNERSHIPS :—

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6B.—LIMITED PARTNERSHIP :—

Nil.

7.—OFFICIAL TRUSTS, 1927.

Year.	Number of Trust Estates at the end of the year.	Total Funds. Trust Estates.	Commission received during the year.	Remarks.
1926,	21	Invested \$ 160,803.73	\$ 81.34	One New Trust Estate opened. No Trust wound up. 1 New Trust opened.
1927,	22	Cash Balance 17,964.86	151.02	

8.—PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION, 1927.
(Ordinance No. 2 of 1897.)

Number of Grants.			Deceased Estates Account on the Court Books.					
Probates.	Letters of Administration.	Affidavit leading to payment of estate duty.	Court Fees.	Number.	Total Funds.	Official Administrator's Commission.	Number wound up.	Aggregate Value of Estates wound up.
138	161	Nil.	\$ 22,225.15	269	Invested \$50,402.17 Cash Bal. 74,901.56	\$ 393.04	103	\$ 9,070.52

* Including grants to Official Administrator.

9.—RETURN OF BANKRUPTCIES, 1927.
(Ordinance No. 7 of 1891.)

Number of Petitions filed.		Number of Receiving Orders made.		Number of Administration Orders.	Number of Petitions.				Number of Public Examinations.	Number of Adjudications.	Scheme of Arrangement.	Number of Discharges.	Number of Proceedings Annulled.	Total Estimated Assets.*	Total Estimated Liabilities.*
Creditors'.	Debtors'.	On Creditors' Petition.	On Debtors' Petition.		Dismissed.	Withdrawn.	Consolidated.	Held over.							
26	13	15	10	2	7	3	1	1	27	15	1	1	2	\$ 449,097.52	\$ 2,788,520.55

* In cases where a receiving order was made and was not rescinded. (In some cases no Statement of Affairs was filed and the Estimated Assets and Liabilities are not known).
Total Fees paid in stamps amounted to \$6,414.90.
Official Receiver's Commission \$14,960.87.