

No. 144.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return, received from Mr. HENRY DICKIE, of the quantity of Spirits distilled by the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited, is published for general information.

Spirits manufactured during the quarter ending 10th July, 1878,.....	<i>Proof Gallons.</i> 4,103
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By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th July, 1878.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

following Report from the Honourable CHARLES MAY, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, quarter ending 30th June, 1878, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th July, 1878.

FIRE BRIGADE DEPARTMENT,

HONGKONG, 12th July, 1878.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward to you, for submission to His Excellency the Governor, the Fire Brigade Report for the 2nd quarter of 1878.

The usual Parades and Inspections were held on 9th May, 11th June, and 9th July, at which the Government Steam (excepting No. 1 Steam Engine at the two latter mentioned, being necessarily absent for repairs) and Manual Engines, as also those of the Chinese Volunteer Associations were present. All were worked from the sea.

At the last inspection (7th July), No. 2 Steam Engine worked satisfactorily for 20 minutes and then it was found necessary to draw the fires, because of a defect in the Steam Engine the Engineer put this in order by 7 P.M. the same evening.

The Fire Ladders, Hose, Extincteurs and Implements were all found in good condition.

The Engines, Hose and Implements at Shau-kí Wán, Yau-má Tí and Aberdeen are in good working order.

The Government Engineer made monthly reports of the state of the Engines, both Steam and Manual.

On 1st June, the No. 1 Steam Fire Engine was taken to "Sand's Slip," to have a newly constructed boiler fitted, and a thorough overhaul of the Engines, as per instructions conveyed in C. S. O. 173 of 22nd January last, and the work is almost completed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. MAY,
Superintendent, Fire Brigade.

The Honourable J. M. PRICE,

*Acting Colonial Secretary,**&c., &c., &c.*

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ALFRED LISTER,
Collector.

Stamp Office, Hongkong, 19th July, 1878.