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1.—SHIPPING.

The total Tonnage entering and clearing at Ports of the Colony during the year 1905 amounted to 34,185,091 tons, being an increase, compared with 1904, of 622,305 tons, and the highest tonnage yet recorded.

There were 227,909 arrivals of 17,142,393 tons, and 224,849 departures of 17,042,698 tons.

Of British Ocean-going vessels 3,839,050 tons entered, and 3,833,274 tons cleared.

Of Foreign Ocean-going vessels 2,917,550 tons entered, and 2,903,235 tons cleared.

Of British River steamers 2,776,982 tons entered, and 2,777,040 tons cleared.

Of Foreign River steamers 329,743 tons entered, and 329,854 tons cleared.

Of Steamships under 60 tons trading to Ports outside the waters of the Colony 35,724 tons entered, and 35,724 tons cleared.*

Of Junks in Foreign Trade 1,428,966 tons entered, and 1,446,474 tons cleared.

Of Steamships under 60 tons plying within the waters of the Colony 4,622,661 tons entered, and 4,546,651 tons cleared.*†

Of Junks in Local Trade 1,191,717 tons entered and 1,170,446 tons cleared.

Thus:—

British Ocean-going vessels represented	22.4 %
Foreign Ocean-going vessels represented	17.0 %
British River steamers represented	16.2 %
Foreign River steamers represented	2.0 %
Steamships under 60 tons, Foreign Trade, represented.....	0.2 %
Junks in Foreign Trade represented	8.4 %
Steamships under 60 tons, Local Trade, represented	26.8 %
Junks in Local Trade represented	7.0 %
	100.0

2. Eight thousand one hundred and thirty-three (8,133) steamers, 22 sailing ships, and 900 steamships under 60 tons in foreign trade, entered during the year, giving a daily average entry of 24.81, as compared with 23.25 in 1904. If the figures for foreign trade Junks are added, the daily average would be 70.5, as against 70 in 1904.

3. A comparison between the years 1904 and 1905 is given in the following table:—

	1904.		1905.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.
British Ocean-going,	4,318	7,708,734	3,995	7,672,324	...	...	323	36,410
Foreign Ocean-going,	3,696	5,350,847	3,845	5,820,785	149	469,938	...	...
British River Steamers,	5,872	5,697,360	7,488	5,554,022	1,616	...	...	143,338
Foreign River Steamers,	1,036	470,371	975	659,597	...	189,226	61	...
Steamships under 60 tons (Foreign Trade),	2,054	105,781	1,800	71,448	...	...	254	34,336
Junks in Foreign Trade,	36,251	3,072,270	33,475	2,875,440	...	...	2,776	196,830
Total,	53,227	22,405,366	51,578	22,653,616	1,765	659,164	3,414	410,914
Steam launches plying in the Colony,	307,502	8,808,744	337,913	9,169,312	30,411	360,568	...	...
Junks in Local Trade,	62,965	2,348,676	63,267	2,362,163	302	13,487	...	...
Grand Total,	423,694	33,562,786	452,758	34,185,091	32,478	1,033,219	3,414	410,914
					29,064	622,305

* Including 32,424 Conservancy and Dust Boats of 1,176,625 tons.
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* These figures do not include private Steam-launches.
 † These figures are incomplete, as the "Star" Ferry Company's craft are not included, the Company stating that no record is kept of the number of trips made, or passengers carried, by their vessels.

4. For Ocean vessels under the British Flag, this Table shows a decrease of 320 ships of 36,410 tons. This decrease loses any significance it may at first sight appear to possess when viewed in conjunction with my report for 1904, where an increase appears of 352 ships of 930,300 tons, which is shown to be practically due to special circumstances connected with the late war. These special circumstances being removed with the advent of the Baltic Fleet in Far Eastern waters in April, 1905, the shipping tended to return to its normal state, and we are left with a net increase over the figures for 1903 (neglecting those for 1904) of 32 ships of 893,890 tons. This seems to show a continuance of the general increase in size of British ships trading to the Far East.

In British River Steamers there is an increase shown of 1,616 ships, which is due to the additional small steamers put on to the West River run, and to two small craft plying between here and Mirs Bay, which have been treated as River steamers, though they do not strictly satisfy the definition. The decrease in tonnage, of 143,338 tons, is accounted for by the fact that three moderate sized vessels were taken off the run early in the year, and much smaller craft substituted.

For Foreign Ocean Vessels an increase of 149 ships of 469,938 tons is shown. Here, again, reference to my 1904 report is necessary in order to properly appreciate the significance of the figures. During that year, on account of the war, there was the enormous decrease, of 1,149 ships of 1,910,589 tons, of which Japanese shipping accounted for 834 ships of 1,809,000 tons. The causes militating against the employment of Japanese ships were not removed until late in 1905, indeed, they are not completely removed even now, so that the increase now shown is but the partial restoration to normal conditions, and should really be read as a net decrease, on the figures for 1903, of 1,000 ships of 1,440,951 tons.

In Foreign River Steamers the decrease of 61 ships is due to the fact that two small Chinese vessels have become British, and the increase in tonnage to the more frequent running of two moderate sized French Steamers.

The remaining increases and decreases do not present any points of importance, with the exception of the large increase in Steam-launches plying within the waters of the Colony, which affords good evidence of the enhanced internal traffic in the Colony.

5. The actual number of ships of European construction (exclusive of River Steamers and Steam-launches) entering during the year was 889, being 506 British and 383 Foreign.

These 889 ships entered 3,926 times and gave a total tonnage of 6,756,600 tons. Thus, compared with 1904, 4 more ships entered 81 less times, and gave a collective tonnage increased by 212,890 tons.

Flag.	Steamers.		No. of Times entered.		Total Tonnage.	
	1904.	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.	1905.
British,	498	490	2,151	1,983	3,843,355	3,806,792
Austrian,	13	10	32	26	102,349	88,326
Belgian,	1	1	1	1	2,047	1,794
Chinese,	15	14	180	165	241,085	214,720
Danish,	4	7	13	18	26,817	24,206
Dutch,	9	10	44	35	84,379	77,205
French,	36	39	238	207	234,977	288,911
German,	147	163	861	887	1,268,835	1,394,255
Italian,	6	8	20	56	38,212	51,492
Japanese,	30	10	51	29	114,951	34,573
Norwegian,	60	85	253	346	276,211	381,479
Portuguese,	4	5	53	69	12,167	11,800
Russian,	5	1	5	1	14,578	2,903
Spanish,	2	...	2	...	6,017	...
Swedish,	4	2	12	19	8,582	20,210
United States,	24	22	64	62	232,857	314,101
No Flag,	1	...	1	...	2,500	...
Total,	859	867	3,981	3,904	6,509,919	6,712,767

Flag.	Sailing Vessels.		No. of Times entered.		Total Tonnage.	
	1904.	1905.	1904.	1905.	1904.	1905.
British,	11	16	11	16	19,447	32,258
Dutch,	1	...	1	...	84	...
French,	2	...	2	...	3,444	...
German,	1	1	1	1	47	2,193
Italian,	2	...	2	...	994	...
Norwegian,	2	1	2	1	3,651	1,199
Sarawak,	1	...	2	...	1,338	...
United States,	4	4	4	4	2,867	8,183
No Flag,	1	...	1	...	919	...
Total,	25	22	26	22	32,791	43,833

6. The 506 British Vessels carried 3,793 British Officers and 30 Foreign Officers, as follows:—

British,	3,793
Dutch,	2
Norwegian,	1
Swedish,	1
United States,	26
Total,	3,823

Thus, the proportion of Foreign Officers serving in British Vessels was 0.99%, comprising 4 nationalities. A decrease of 0.08%, with an increase in number of Officers borne, in a slightly decreased number of vessels.

The 383 Foreign vessels carried 2,895 Officers, of whom 119 were British, as follows:—

In Chinese vessels,	80
„ French „	2
„ Japanese „	8
„ United States vessels	29
Total,	119

Thus, 4.11% of the Officers serving in Foreign Vessels visiting the Port were of British nationality. A decrease of 2.51%, with a decrease in number of ships and of Officers borne therein.

7. The 506 British Vessels carried, as crews, 30,983 British, 2,818 other Europeans, and 108,032 Asiatics; while the 383 Foreign vessels carried 1,219 British, 42,553 other Europeans, and 78,226 Asiatics.

Hence, in British Vessels:—

21.8% of the crews were British.
 1.9% " " Other Europeans.
 76.3% " " Asiatics.

And in Foreign Vessels:—

1.0% of the crews were British.
 34.9% " " Other Europeans.
 64.1% " " Asiatics.

This shows a growing tendency, when compared with previous years, for vessels to employ their own nationals to the exclusion of Asiatics and other Europeans.

2.—TRADE.

8. My opening remarks under this heading in my report for 1904 are as applicable now as then. The inaccuracy of these cargo returns is strikingly exemplified in the enormous increase shown in the import of sugar, which amounts to 106,091 tons, or an increase of 51.5%. From enquiries made, it appears that no such abnormal increase has taken place, and the explanation of the discrepancy is that the sugar returns, since the passing of the Sugar Convention Ordinance and the regulations made thereunder in June, 1905, (a period of only six months), have, perforce, been accurate, so that, apparently, double this amount of sugar has, in previous years, if reported at all, been reported as "General."

9. Under the heading Imports there appears a decrease of 289,888 tons, or 6.7%. Though the general tendency is towards decrease in most of the items, there are substantial increases reported in Cotton, Hemp, and General Cargo, of 70.2%, 38.2%, and 1.9%, respectively, but it is difficult to say if these are genuine increases or no. Prominent among the decreases are:—

Coal, 68,467 tons, or 5.9%. This is probably due to the cessation of maritime warlike operations.

Flour, 61,413 tons, or 52.9%. This appears to be due solely to the "boycott" of United States' goods.

Bulk Kerosene, 13,554 tons, or 23.8%. It seems that this is merely due to the fact that large cargoes which in previous years would have been landed here, have been carried on to other ports in the same bottoms, and hence come under the heading "Transit".

Case Kerosene, 26,186 tons, or 26%. This reduction, again, may be ascribed to the "boycott."

Liquid Fuel, 8,877 tons, or 91%. There would appear to be little demand here for this form of bunkering, hence this decrease.

Rice, 257,168 tons, or 31.2%. This, though a decrease on the figures for 1904, appears to represent merely a return to normal conditions after the enormous rice trade to the North during the earlier stages of the war.

10. An increase is reported of 263,492 tons in Transit Cargo.

11. The reports show a decrease of 262,160 tons in Export Cargo.

12. The total reported Import trade of the Port for 1905 amounted to 25,764 vessels of 11,328,015 tons, carrying 7,830,424 tons of cargo of which 4,415,006 tons were discharged at Hongkong. This does not include the number, tonnage, or cargo carried by vessels in Local Trade.

COUNTRY.	SHIPS.	TONS.	CARGO.	
			IMPORT.	TRANSIT.
CLASS I.				
Canada,	27	78,014	8,242	...
Continent of Europe,	113	348,726	85,539	307,995
Great Britain,	214	595,753	225,410	879,872
Mauritius,	2	1,818	2,600	...
North America,	1	2,247	...	...
South Africa,	6	21,029	...	...
South America,	5	11,164	260	...
United States of America, ...	120	484,467	177,914	164,051
	488	1,543,218	499,995	1,351,918
CLASS II.				
Australia and New Zealand, ..	49	96,135	53,524	46,368
India and Straits Settlements,	277	641,991	438,968	411,693
Japan,	429	1,074,794	863,891	310,211
Java and Indian Archipelago,	140	234,611	303,848	115,017
North Pacific,	2	4,671	...	5,740
Russia-in-Asia,	1	1,311	200	...
	898	2,053,513	1,660,431	889,029
CLASS III.				
North Borneo,	28	39,033	41,058	2,743
Coast of China,	1,453	2,017,179	464,596	1,030,768
Cochin-China,	181	219,989	236,212	77,546
Formosa,	58	54,321	10,347	5,000
Philippine Islands,	230	307,506	100,235	17,822
Hainan and Gulf of Tonkin, .	237	219,269	162,184	1,600
Siam,	255	274,561	391,423	38,316
Kwong-chow-wan,	57	14,100	4,615	266
Tsingtau,	1	822	800	...
Weihaiwei,	3	4,562	280	280
Macao,	37	8,527	3,150	130
	2,540	3,159,869	1,414,900	1,174,471
CLASS IV.				
River Steamers,	4,229	3,106,725	294,425	...
CLASS V.				
Steam-ships under 60 tons, .	900	35,724	1,733	...
CLASS VI.				
Junks,	16,709	1,428,966	543,522	...
TOTAL,	25,764	11,328,015	4,415,006	3,415,418

13. Similarly, the Export trade of the Port was represented by 25,814 vessels of 11,325,601 tons, carrying 3,011,305 tons of cargo, and shipping 651,523 tons of Bunker Coal

COUNTRY.	SHIPS.	TONS.	CARGO.	
			Export.	Bunker Coal.
CLASS I.				
Canada,	49	232,631	92,167	...
Continent of Europe,	23	83,003	11,173	5,180
Great Britain,	66	225,677	73,957	2,665
Mauritius,	1	966	800	730
North America, .....	...	...	...	...
South Africa,	5	15,960	3,600	1,787
South America,	2	4,494	35	4,000
United States of America, ...	46	147,813	69,402	1,050
	192	710,594	251,134	15,412
CLASS II.				
Australia and New Zealand, ..	33	74,636	7,606	7,930
India and Straits Settlements, ..	327	826,986	264,370	61,529
Japan,	438	986,584	305,428	52,961
Java and Indian Archipelago, ..	97	202,716	39,367	15,799
North Pacific, .....	...	...	...	...
Russia-in-Asia,	5	6,202	...	1,330
South Pacific,	18	30,842	3,283	3,193
	918	2,127,966	620,054	142,742
CLASS III.				
Kwong-chow-wan,	127	42,683	14,546	9,419
North Borneo,	13	17,991	2,814	4,410
Coast of China,	1,752	2,781,197	913,921	258,205
Cochin-China,	278	348,193	64,539	58,638
Formosa,	35	38,348	16,023	2,780
Hainan and Gulf of Tonkin, ...	135	96,612	50,420	17,621
Kiaochow,	7	12,442	4,100	820
Macao,	89	67,325	2,631	651
Philippine Islands,	218	328,094	157,171	41,730
Siam,	149	173,937	32,199	38,941
Weihaiwei,	1	1,127	1,500	165
	2,804	3,897,949	1,259,864	433,380
CLASS IV.				
River Steamers,	4,234	3,106,894	212,649	57,535
CLASS V.				
Steamships under 60 tons, ...	900	35,724	2,500	2,454
CLASS VI.				
Junks,	16,766	1,446,474	665,104	...
TOTAL,	25,814	11,325,601	3,011,305	651,523

14. During the year 1905, 16,303 vessels of European construction of 19,706,728 tons (net register), reported having carried 10,277,939 tons of cargo, as follows:—

Import Cargo	3,869,751 tons.
Export „	2,343,701 „
Transit „	3,415,418 „
Bunker Coal shipped	649,069 „
	10,277,939 tons.

The total number of tons carried was, therefore, 52.15% of the total net register tonnage, (or 71.24% exclusive of River Steamers), and was apportioned as follows:—

Imports.

British Ocean-going Ships,	1,952,778	
Foreign " " "	1,622,548	
British River Steamers,	249,449	
Foreign " " "	44,976	
		3,869,751

Exports.

British Ocean-going Ships,	1,221,530	
Foreign " " "	909,522	
British River Steamers,	179,051	
Foreign " " "	33,598	
		2,343,701

Transit.

British Ocean-going Ships,	2,335,795	
Foreign " " "	1,079,623	
		3,415,418

Bunker Coal.

British Ocean-going Ships,	255,801	
Foreign " " "	335,733	
British River Steamers,	48,057	
Foreign " " "	9,478	
		649,069

Grand Total, 10,277,939

15. The number and tonnage of European constructed vessels importing cargo as tabulated and in transit compared with the previous year was as follows:—

	1904.		1905.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Steamers,	3,981	6,509,919	3,904	6,712,767	...	202,848	77	...
River Steamers,	3,454	3,085,040	4,229	3,106,725	775	21,685	...	...
Sailing Vessels,	26	32,791	22	43,833	...	11,042	4	...
Total,	7,461	9,627,750	8,155	9,863,325	775	235,575	81	...
					694	235,575	...	...
Imported tons,		4,150,639		3,869,751				

As follows :—

Articles.	1904.	1905.	Increase.	Decrease.
Beans,.....	750	2,113	1,363	.....
Bones,.....	400	.....	.....	400
Coal,.....	1,152,454	1,083,987	.....	68,467
Cotton Yarn and Cotton,.....	19,350	32,949	13,599	.....
Flour,.....	115,921	54,508	.....	61,413
Hemp,.....	19,382	26,784	7,402	.....
Kerosine (bulk),.....	56,965	43,411	.....	13,554
" (case),.....	100,692	74,506	.....	26,186
Lead,.....	3,563	800	.....	2,763
Opium,.....	2,955	2,983	28	.....
Liquid Fuel,.....	9,727	850	.....	8,877
Rattan,.....	5,080	3,430	.....	1,650
Rice,.....	823,339	566,171	.....	257,168
Sandalwood,.....	3,300	3,386	86	.....
Sulphur,.....	187	.....	.....	187
Sugar,.....	205,696	311,787	106,091	.....
Tea,.....	.....	900	900	.....
Timber,.....	66,200	66,324	124	.....
General,.....	1,564,678	1,594,862	30,184	.....
Total,.....	4,150,639	3,869,751	159,777	440,665
Transit,.....	3,151,926	3,415,418	263,492	.....
Grand Total, ...	7,302,565	7,285,169	423,269	440,665
		Nett,.....	.....	17,396

16. The number and tonnage of European constructed vessels exporting cargo as totalled and bunker coal compared with the previous year was as follows :—

	1904.		1905.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Steamers,.....	3,983	6,483,835	3,893	6,694,479	...	210,644	90	...
River Steamers,.....	3,454	3,082,691	4,234	3,106,894	780	24,203	...	...
Sailing Vessels,.....	24	33,036	21	42,030	...	8,994	3	...
Total,.....	7,461	9,599,562	8,148	9,843,403	780	243,841	93	...
				Nett,.....	687	243,841	...	...
Exported tons,.....		2,605,861		2,343,701				
	Strs.	Bunker Coal.	Strs.	Bunker Coal.	Strs.	Bunker Coal.	Strs.	Bunker Coal.
Steamers,.....	3,983	615,208	3,893	591,534	...	...	90	23,674
River Steamers,.....	3,454	49,210	4,234	57,535	780	8,325	...	...
Total,.....	7,437	664,418	8,127	649,069	780	8,325	90	23,674
				Nett,.....	690	...	...	15,349

17. The river trade in Imports, Exports and Passengers compared with the previous year was as follows :—

Year.	Imports.	Exports.	Passengers.
1904,	294,216	209,534	2,231,586
1905,	294,425	212,649	2,673,202

18. The following shows the junk trade of the Colony for the year.

IMPORTS.

Foreign Trade,	16,709 junks measuring,	1,428,966 tons.
Local Trade,	31,694 „ „	1,191,717 „
	—————	
Total,	48,403 „ „	2,620,683 „
	—————	

Imported, 862,459 tons as under :—

Tea,	1,609 tons.
Fire Crackers,	3,143 „
Oil, Vegetable,	548 „
Rice,	52 „
Cattle, (7,278),	748 „
Swine, (20,299),	1,201 „
Earth and Stones,	336,956 „
General,	518,202 „
	—————
Total,	862,459 „
	—————

EXPORTS.

Foreign Trade,	16,766 junks measuring,	1,446,474 tons.
Local Trade,	31,573 „ „	1,170,446 „
	—————	
Total,	48,339 „ „	2,616,920 „
	—————	

Exported, 721,591 tons as under :—

Kerosine, (530,425 cases),	18,944 tons.
Rice and Paddy,	205,885 „
Earth and Stones,	178,713 „
General,	318,049 „
	—————
Total,	721,591 „
	—————

19. The Passenger and Emigrant returns show the figures as below which are compared with those of the previous year.

	1904.	1905.	Increase.	Decrease.
British Vessels, arrivals ...	197,844	189,381	...	8,463
Do., departures, ..	112,741	103,281	...	9,460
Do., emigrants, .	51,390	48,289	..	3,101
Total,.....	361,975	340,951	...	21,024
Nett, .....			...	21,024
Foreign Vessels, arrivals,...	91,352	100,874	9,522	...
Do., departures, ..	64,239	84,996	20,757	...
Do., emigrants, .	24,914	16,052	...	7,862
Total,.....	180,505	201,922	30,279	7,862
Nett,			22,417	...
River Steamers, arrivals,...	1,138,591	1,349,665	211,074	...
Do., departures, ..	1,092,995	1,323,537	230,542	...
Total,.....	2,231,586	2,673,202	441,616	...
Nett,			441,616	...
Junks, Foreign Trade, } arrivals, ... }	43,192	41,867	...	1,325
Do., departures, ..	42,155	45,934	3,779	...
Total,.....	85,347	87,801	3,779	1,325
Nett,			2,454	...
Total Arrivals,	1,470,979	1,689,045	218,066	...
„ Departures,	1,312,130	1,565,909	253,779	...
„ Emigrants,	76,304	64,341	...	11,963
Total,.....	2,859,413	3,319,295	471,845	11,963
Nett,.....			459,882	...

PASSENGERS,—*Continued.*

	1904.	1905.	Increase.	Decrease.
Diff. of Arrivals and Dep.,	158,849	124,136	...	...
Emigrants,.....	76,304	64,341	...	...
Remainder + or —	+ 82,545	+ 59,795	...	...
	Nett.....		...	...
Junks, Local Trade,) arrivals,....)	79,066	65,274	...	13,792
Do., departures,...	79,508	71,986	...	7,522
Total,.....	158,574	137,260	...	21,314
	Nett,.....		...	21,314

20. The Number, Tonnage, Cargo, and Passengers Carried, and Bunker Coal Shipped, by Ships of different Nationalities, during the year 1905 was as follows.

NATIONALITY.	OCEAN VESSELS.						RIVER STEAMERS.						TOTAL.											
	No. of Ships.	Register Tonnage.	Imports.	Exports.	Transit.	Bunker Coal.	Passengers. Arrived.	* Depart-ed.	No. of Ships.	Register Tonnage.	Imports.	Exports.	Transit.	Bunker Coal.	Passengers. Arrived.	* Depart-ed.								
British,	3,995	7,672,321	1,959,778	1,221,530	2,355,795	253,801	189,381	103,281	7,488	5,551,022	249,449	179,051	..	48,057	1,284,023	1,249,849	11,483	13,226,346	2,202,227	1,400,581	2,335,795	303,838	1,473,404	1,953,130
Austrian,	51	172,797	41,416	15,600	64,415	111,000	4,528	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	172,797	41,416	15,600	64,415	111,000	4,528	21
Belgian,	2	3,588	..	..	3,400	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3,588	..	..	3,400	100	..	..
Chinese,	331	430,617	40,693	52,800	58,593	8,310	4,996	4,484	233	47,739	14,654	13,348	..	2,379	..	..	36	478,556	55,347	66,098	58,593	10,649	4,996	4,484
Danish,	26	48,412	12,450	1,300	16,075	..	31	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	48,412	40,693	1,300	16,075	..	..	24
Dutch,	70	154,410	43,711	16,500	68,291	1,806	115	90	70	154,410	32,450	..	..	..	..	..	70	154,410	32,450	16,500	68,291	1,806	115	90
French,	415	582,530	91,747	47,520	93,968	51,060	10,664	9,468	1,001	1,468,116	110,369	67,270	..	6,898	65,612	75,088	1,001	1,468,116	110,369	67,270	93,968	6,898	6,898	83,156
German,	1,172	2,782,127	873,754	493,596	564,511	212,296	61,423	39,326	1,772	2,786,513	873,754	493,596	..	15,780	..	..	1,772	2,786,513	873,754	493,596	564,511	15,780	6,300	246
Italian,	112	102,975	46,891	15,780	7,889	13,282	6,300	246	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	102,975	46,891	15,780	7,889	13,282	6,300	246
Japanese,	58	631,445	19,698	18,400	..	28,800	700	601	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	687	631,445	19,698	18,400	..	28,800	700	601
Norwegian,	687	756,766	264,137	168,480	127,293	1,300	7,686	6,793	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	292	756,766	264,137	168,480	127,293	1,300	7,686	6,793
Portuguese,	136	25,259	2,400	2,331	..	..	300	216	156	25,272	11,700	550	..	..	..	..	136	25,259	2,400	2,331	..	..	..	216
Russian,	2	5,806	..	..	5,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5,806	..	..	5,000	..	..	..
Swedish,	37	30,422	6,120	1,000	10,489	840	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57	30,422	6,120	1,000	10,489	840	..	..
United States,	130	630,138	79,431	76,012	58,985	..	4,131	3,721	130	630,138	79,431	76,012	..	..	..	..	130	630,138	79,431	76,012	58,985	4,131	3,721	..
No Flag,	6	792	..	..	..	200	..	..	6	792	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	792	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Foreign,	3,845	5,820,755	1,622,548	909,522	1,079,623	835,753	100,874	81,996	975	659,597	44,976	33,698	..	9,478	65,612	73,888	4,830	6,180,382	1,667,524	943,120	1,079,623	345,211	166,516	158,684
Total,	7,840	13,493,169	3,575,326	2,131,052	3,415,418	591,554	200,255	188,277	8,463	6,213,619	294,425	212,649	..	57,525	1,349,665	1,323,637	10,303	13,706,728	3,869,751	2,343,701	3,415,418	649,969	1,639,820	1,511,814

* Not including emigrants.

21. The following table summarises the foregoing information with regard to the trade of the Ports of Hongkong for the Year 1905.

	Tons.						Passengers.		Emigrants.	
	No. of Ships.	Discharged.	Shipped.	In Transit.	Banker Coal shipped.	Total.	Registered Tonnage.	Arrived.		Departed.
British Ocean-going,	3,995	1,952,778	1,221,530	2,335,795	255,801	5,765,904	7,672,324	189,381	103,281	48,289
Foreign Ocean-going,	3,845	1,622,548	909,522	1,079,623	335,733	3,947,426	5,820,785	160,874	84,996	16,052
British River Steamers, ...	7,488	249,449	179,051	...	48,057	476,557	5,554,022	1,284,023	1,249,849	...
Foreign River Steamers,....	975	44,976	33,598	...	9,478	88,052	659,597	65,642	73,688	...
Total.....	16,303	3,869,751	2,343,701	3,415,418	649,069	10,277,939	19,706,728	1,639,920	1,511,814	64,341
Steam-ships under 60 tons Foreign Trade, ...	1,809	1,733	2,500	...	2,454	6,687	71,448	7,258	8,161	...
Junks Foreign Trade,	33,475	543,522	665,104	...	...	1,208,626	2,875,440	41,867	45,934	...
Total Foreign Trade, ...	51,578	4,415,006	3,011,305	3,415,418	651,523	11,493,252	22,653,616	1,689,045	1,565,909	64,341
Steam-Launches Local Trade,	* 337,913	...	...	...	* 25,895	* 25,895	* 9,169,312	* 1,058,522	* 3,873,470	...
Junks, Local Trade,	63,267	318,937	56,487	...	...	375,424	2,362,163	65,274	71,986	...
Total Local Trade,	401,180	318,937	56,487	...	25,895	401,319	11,531,475	1,123,796	3,945,456	...
Grand Total.....	452,758	4,733,943	3,067,792	3,415,418	677,418	11,894,571	34,185,091	5,812,841	5,511,365	64,341

* Not including "Star" Ferry Company's craft.

3.—REVENUE.

22. The total Revenue collected by the Harbour Department during the year was \$300,567.76, being a decrease of \$366.19 on the previous year:—

1. Light Dues,	\$74,233.45
2. Licences and Internal Revenue,	62,668.45
3. Fees of Court and Office,	163,665.86
Total,	<u>\$300,567.76</u>

4.—STEAM-LAUNCHES.

23. On the 31st December, there were 276 Steam-launches employed in the Harbour, of these, 109 were licensed for the conveyance of passengers, 147 were privately owned, 15 were the property of the Government, and 5 belonged to the Imperial Government in charge of Military Authorities.

Twenty-three Master's Certificates were suspended, 4 for three months, 9 for two months, 8 for one month, 1 for six weeks and 1 for four weeks; two Masters were cautioned and discharged respectively.

Four hundred and forty-two (442) engagements, and four hundred and thirty-three (433) discharges of Masters and Engineers were made from 1st January to 31st December.

Eleven (11) Steam-launches were permitted to carry arms, etc., for their protection against pirates, of these, nine were previously permitted, and two during this year.

5.—EMIGRATION.

24. Sixty-four thousand three hundred and forty-one (64,341) emigrants left Hongkong for various places during the year, of these, 48,289 were carried by British Ships and 16,052 by Foreign Ships; 140,483 were reported as having been brought to Hongkong from places to which they had emigrated, and of these, 113,796 were brought in British Ships and 25,586 by Foreign Ships.

Returns No. XVIII and XIX will give the details of this branch of the Department.

6.—REGISTRY, &c., OF SHIPPING.

25. During the year, 17 ships were registered under the provisions of the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, and 8 Certificates of Registry were cancelled.

The documents, &c., dealt with in connection with the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act were as follows:—

Number of Certificates of Registry granted,	17
Number of Certificates of Registry cancelled,.....	8
Number of Declarations of Ownership,	26
Number of endorsements on Certificates of Registry of change of Masters,	53
Number of endorsements on Certificates of Registry of change of Owners,	8
Number of Certificates of Sale recorded,.....	2
Number of Mortgages recorded,	5
Number of Transfer of Mortgages recorded,	1
Number of Discharge of Mortgages recorded,	2
Number of endorsements on Register of change in Rig or Tonnage,	6
Number of Sales of ships recorded,.....	11
Number of Desertions certified,	220
Number of examination of provisions,	1
Number of inspections of Registry,	16

Total Number of Documents, &c.,.....	376

The fees collected on these Documents, &c., amounted to \$1,266.

7.—MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

26. Seventy-five (75) cases were heard in the Marine Magistrate's Court, refusal of duty on board ship and breach of Harbour Regulations were the principal offences.

8.—MARINE COURT.

(Under Section 19 of Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.)

27. The following Courts have been held during the year:—

(1.) On the 27th April, inquiry into the circumstances connected with the stranding of the British Steamship "Kong Nam," Official No. 107,028 of Hongkong, on Cap Sing Island on the night of the 5th April. The Master's (HEATHFIELD CHARLES DALTON FRAMPTON) Certificate of Competency was returned to him.

(2.) On the 5th, 7th, 10th and 11th July, inquiry into the circumstances connected with the stranding of the British Ship "Travancore," Official No. 99,769 of Greenock, on Fo Kai Point on the 1st June, and charges of incompetency brought by the crew against the Master and Mate. The Master's (WILLIAM C. CHAMBERLIN) Certificate of Competency was suspended for nine months and a First Mate's Certificate issued to him during the period of suspension, the Chief Mate's (J. ROBERTS) Certificate as Master was suspended for three months.

9.—EXAMINATION OF MASTERS, MATES AND ENGINEERS.

28. The following Tables show the number of Candidates examined for Certificates of Competency, distinguishing those who were successful and those who failed :—

(Under Section 4 of Ordinance No 10 of 1899.)

Grade.	Passed.	Failed.
Master,	17	5
Master, River Steamer, .....	...	1
First Mate,	18	5
Only Mate,.....	..	...
Second Mate,.....	7	5
Total,.....	42	16
First Class Engineer,	26	3
Second Class Engineer,	39	9
Total,.....	65	12

(Under Section 37 s.s. (7) of Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.)

Candidates.	Passed.	Failed.
For Master,.....	54	39
For Engineer,.....	89	23
Total,.....	143	62

10.—EXAMINATION OF PILOTS.

(Under Ordinance No. 3 of 1904.)

29. Twenty-two (22) examinations for Pilots' Certificates were held during the year, with the following results :—

Candidates.	Passed.	Failed.
European,	3	3
Chinese,	8	8
Total,.....	11	11

Twelve (12) Pilots' licences were issued to holders of Certificates, and two licences previously issued were cancelled at the request of the licensees.

11.—SUNDAY CARGO WORKING.

(Ordinance No. 1 of 1899.)

30. During the year, 359 permits were issued, under the provisions of the Ordinance. Of these, 93 were not availed of owing to its being found unnecessary for the ship to work cargo on Sunday, and the fee paid for the permit was refunded in each case.

The revenue collected under this heading was \$43,475; this was \$5,850 more than in 1904.

The revenue collected each year since the Ordinance came into force is as follows:—

1892,	\$ 4,800
1893,	7,900
1894,	13,375
1895,	11,600
1896,	7,575
1897,	11,850
1898,	25,925
1899,	21,825
1900,	43,550
1901,	44,800
1902,	44,175
1903,	34,800
1904,	37,625
1905,	43,475

12.—NEW TERRITORY.

(Seventh Year of British Administration.)

31. The Station at the Island of Cheung Chau was opened in September, the one at Tai O in the Island of Lantau, in October of 1899, that at Tai Po in Mirs Bay, on board the Police steam-launch, in January, 1900, that in Deep Bay, on board the Police steam-launch, in November, 1901, that at Sai Kung in April, 1902, and that at Long Ket, on board the Police steam-launch, in April, 1905.

From 1st January to 31st December, 1905, 9,138 Licences, Clearances, Permits, &c., were issued at Cheung Chau, 3,937 at Tai O, 6,284 at Tai Po, 4,177 at Deep Bay, 2,564 at Sai Kung and 3,297 at Long Ket.

The Revenue collected by the Harbour Department from the New Territory during 1905, was \$18,421.95.

L. BARNES-LAWRENCE, Captain R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

Table V.

NUMBER, TONNAGE and CREWS of Vessels of each Nation ENTERED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong, in the Year 1905.

NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.	ENTERED.								
	WITH CARGOES.			IN BALLAST.			TOTAL.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.
British,	5,481	6,277,768	284,121	260	338,264	12,843	5,741	6,616,032	296,964
American,	59	315,690	9,995	7	6,594	209	66	322,284	10,204
Austrian,	26	88,326	1,841	...	...	...	26	88,326	1,841
Belgian,	1	1,794	23	...	...	...	1	1,794	23
Chinese,	271	225,546	15,368	10	12,988	774	281	238,534	16,142
Chinese Junks,	11,812	967,527	133,924	4,867	461,439	62,320	16,709	1,428,966	196,244
Danish,	15	18,713	484	3	5,493	88	18	24,206	572
Dutch,	32	73,980	1,836	3	3,225	94	35	77,205	1,930
French,	483	560,072	23,519	17	22,132	803	500	582,204	24,322
German,	810	1,310,221	43,130	78	86,227	2,736	888	1,396,448	45,866
Italian,	42	46,133	2,054	14	5,359	508	56	51,492	2,562
Japanese,	27	33,913	1,833	2	660	42	29	34,573	1,875
Norwegian,	295	319,642	9,202	52	63,036	1,846	347	382,678	11,048
Portuguese,	141	23,288	2,305	6	1,148	193	147	24,436	2,498
Russian,	1	2,903	56	...	...	...	1	2,903	56
Swedish,	13	12,804	358	6	7,406	190	19	20,210	548
Steam-ships under 60 tons trading to Ports outside the Colony, }	435	22,458	6,251	465	13,266	3,688	900	35,724	9,939
TOTAL,.....	19,974	10,300,778	536,300	5,790	1,027,237	86,334	25,764	11,328,015	622,634

Table VI.

NUMBER, TONNAGE and CREWS of Vessels of each of Nation CLEARED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong, in the Year 1905.

NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.	CLEARED.								
	WITH CARGOES.			IN BALLAST.			TOTAL.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.
British,	5,474	6,073,814	285,100	268	536,500	12,043	5,742	6,610,314	297,143
American,	56	311,724	10,222	8	8,545	231	64	320,269	10,453
Austrian,	25	84,471	2,143	...	...	...	25	84,471	2,143
Belgian,.....	1	1,794	34	...	...	...	1	1,794	34
Chinese,	281	239,074	16,218	2	748	88	283	239,822	16,306
Chinese Junks,	10,457	1,020,541	138,266	6,309	425,933	62,235	16,766	1,446,474	200,501
Danish,	11	17,464	235	7	6,742	175	18	24,206	410
Dutch,	34	76,135	2,133	1	1,070	31	35	77,205	2,164
French,	488	575,706	23,345	13	11,206	533	501	586,912	23,878
German,	659	1,148,794	35,719	225	241,271	9,308	884	1,390,065	45,027
Italian,	51	50,371	2,426	5	1,112	179	56	51,483	2,605
Japanese,	23	25,593	1,712	6	8,980	294	29	34,573	2,006
Norwegian, ...	266	270,266	7,749	74	105,021	2,216	340	375,287	9,965
Portuguese, ..	142	23,633	2,519	3	462	94	145	24,095	2,613
Russian,	1	2,903	53	...	...	...	1	2,903	53
Swedish,	12	13,690	472	6	5,522	176	18	19,212	648
No Flag, .....	...	...	...	6	792	96	6	792	96
Steam-ships under 60 tons trading to Ports outside the Colony, }	435	22,458	6,251	465	13,266	3,688	900	35,724	9,939
TOTAL,.....	18,416	9,958,431	534,597	7,398	1,367,170	91,387	25,814	11,325,601	625,984

Table VII.

Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks ENTERED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong, from Ports on the Coast of China, and Macao, during the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.
East Coast,....	2,900	174,087	19,705	106	112,985	367	18,285	2,739	3	3,267	192,372	22,444	109	112,985
San On Dis- trict, West River, &c.,	8,112	709,963	103,792	18,847	387,594	3,877	390,852	53,397	22,856	11,989	1,100,815	157,189	4,703	387,594
West Coast, ...	389	28,310	3,424	10	18,282	283	22,222	2,227	...	672	50,532	5,651	10	18,282
Macao,	441	55,167	7,003	45	24,661	340	30,080	3,957	...	781	85,247	10,960	45	24,661
Total,...	11,842	967,527	133,924	19,008	543,522	4,867	461,439	62,320	22,859	16,709	1,428,966	196,244	41,867	543,522

Table VIII.

Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks CLEARED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong, for Ports on the Coast of China, and Macao, during the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.
East Coast,....	1,290	65,050	9,105	92	40,977	2,313	158,478	17,299	10	3,603	223,528	26,404	102	40,977
San On Dis- trict, West River, &c.,	8,347	872,047	117,712	26,100	567,798	3,507	225,594	40,632	19,669	11,854	1,097,641	158,344	45,769	567,798
West Coast, ...	272	21,958	2,597	7	16,376	305	21,809	2,633	10	577	43,767	5,230	17	16,376
Macao,	548	61,485	8,852	46	39,953	184	20,052	1,671	...	732	81,538	10,523	46	39,953
Total,...	10,457	1,020,541	138,266	26,245	665,104	6,309	425,933	62,235	19,689	16,766	1,446,474	200,501	45,934	665,104

Table IX.

Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks ENTERED at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong, (exclusive of Local Trade), during the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.
Aberdeen,.....	211	7,025	1,444	...	3,920	50	2,288	416	...	261	9,313	1,860	...	3,920
Cheung Cháu,	240	4,575	1,120	...	2,907	42	1,149	274	...	282	5,724	1,394	...	2,907
Deep Bay,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hungbón,.....	820	15,717	4,020	144	13,361	107	3,777	677	48	927	19,494	4,697	192	13,361
Long Ket, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sai Kung,	21	486	120	...	269	1	6	5	...	22	492	125	...	269
Sham Shui-po,	2,329	241,264	19,951	...	151,790	1,166	98,199	8,645	...	3,495	339,463	28,596	...	151,790
Shankiwán, ...	519	15,384	4,045	45	8,614	78	2,784	561	...	597	18,168	4,606	45	8,614
Stanley,.....	14	232	81	45	128	10	67	39	...	24	299	120	45	128
Tai O,	69	2,336	52	...	809	13	364	112	...	82	2,700	640	...	809
Tai Po,	13	235	69	1	137	3	20	15	...	16	255	84	1	137
Victoria,	7,606	680,273	102,546	18,773	361,587	3,397	352,785	51,576	22,811	11,003	1,033,058	154,122	41,584	361,587
Total,...	11,842	967,527	133,924	19,008	543,522	4,867	461,439	62,320	22,859	16,709	1,428,966	196,244	41,867	543,522

Table X.

Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks *CLEARED* at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong, (exclusive of Local Trade), during the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.
Aberdeen,.....	59	2,054	419	...	919	151	4,051	1,007	...	210	6,105	1,426	...	919
Cheung Cháu,	38	1,055	244	...	674	247	4,668	1,415	...	285	5,723	1,659	...	674
Deep Bay, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hunghóm,.....	581	18,924	3,594	133	14,781	443	8,732	2,263	434	1,024	27,656	5,857	567	14,781
Long Ket, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sai Kung,.....	2	86	14	...	19	15	367	87	...	17	453	101	...	19
Sham Shui-po,	1,295	120,354	11,009	...	68,717	2,203	231,260	19,060	...	3,498	351,614	30,069	...	68,717
Shauiwán, ...	335	12,957	3,977	45	5,308	314	6,552	1,810	...	649	19,509	4,887	45	5,308
Stanley,.....	11	261	77	45	76	11	50	35	...	22	311	112	45	76
Tai O,	12	337	83	...	123	58	1,862	470	...	70	2,199	553	...	123
Tai Po,	5	67	22	3	18	9	946	71	...	14	1,007	93	3	18
Victoria,	8,119	864,446	119,727	26,019	574,469	2,858	167,451	36,017	19,255	10,977	1,031,897	155,744	45,274	574,469
Total,...	10,457	1,020,541	138,266	26,245	665,104	6,309	425,933	62,235	19,689	16,766	1,446,474	200,501	45,934	665,104

Table XI.

Return of Junks (Local Trade) *ENTERED* at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong, during the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.
Aberdeen,.....	125	5,750	1,209	...	3,835	56	1,839	433	...	181	7,589	1,642	...	3,835
Cheung Cháu,	29	747	156	...	465	20	426	91	...	49	1,173	247	...	465
Deep Bay,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hunghóm,.....	11	298	72	...	118	163	9,856	1,669	...	174	10,154	1,741	...	118
Long Ket, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sai Kung,.....	9	184	46	...	54	6	123	32	...	15	307	78	...	54
Sham Shui-po,	169	17,683	2,772	...	12,545	130	11,408	1,508	...	299	29,091	4,280	...	12,545
Shauiwán, ...	120	5,214	1,021	...	2,382	67	1,602	435	...	187	6,816	1,456	...	2,382
Stanley,.....	4	43	19	...	19	8	215	69	...	12	258	88	...	19
Tai O,	10	177	56	...	102	3	40	19	...	13	217	75	...	102
Tai Po,	28	210	117	8	164	37	1,165	167	15	65	1,375	284	23	164
Victoria,	10,692	396,966	117,606	12,163	299,253	20,007	737,771	169,120	53,088	30,699	1,134,737	286,726	65,251	299,253
Total,...	11,197	427,272	123,074	12,171	318,937	20,497	764,445	173,543	53,103	31,694	1,191,717	296,617	65,274	318,937

Table XII.

Return of Junks (Local Trade) *CLEARED* at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong, during the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.
Aberdeen,.....	79	2,271	582	...	1,105	153	8,527	1,494	...	232	10,798	2,076	...	1,105
Cheung Cháu,	12	353	68	...	215	34	821	175	...	46	1,174	243	...	215
Deep Bay,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hunghóm,.....	36	1,129	290	2	653	41	866	291	...	77	1,995	581	2	653
Long Ket, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sai Kung,.....	15	276	83	...	117	5	69	19	...	20	345	102	...	117
Sham Shui-po,	87	6,675	743	...	5,445	209	10,267	2,064	...	296	16,942	2,807	...	5,445
Shauiwán, ...	59	1,977	460	...	1,158	76	3,500	657	...	135	5,477	1,117	2	1,158
Stanley,.....	11	184	71	2	63	3	56	25	...	14	240	96	...	63
Tai O,	10	256	67	...	114	14	242	93	...	24	498	160	...	114
Tai Po,	49	451	201	17	284	18	190	73	6	67	641	274	23	284
Victoria,	6,249	232,042	56,925	69,298	47,333	24,413	900,294	227,300	2,661	30,662	1,132,336	284,225	71,959	47,333
Total,...	6,607	245,614	59,490	69,319	56,487	24,966	924,832	232,191	2,667	31,573	1,170,446	291,681	71,986	56,487

Table XIII.
SUMMARY.

FOREIGN TRADE.	NO. OF VESSELS.	TONS.	CREWS.
British Ships <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	5,481	6,277,768	284,121
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	260	338,264	12,843
Total,.....	5,741	6,616,032	296,964
British Ships <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	5,474	6,073,814	285,100
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	268	536,500	12,043
Total,.....	5,742	6,610,314	297,143
Foreign Ships <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	2,216	3,033,025	112,004
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	198	214,268	7,483
Total,.....	2,414	3,247,293	119,487
Foreign Ship <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	2,050	2,841,618	104,980
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	356	391,471	13,421
Total,.....	2,406	3,233,089	118,401
Steamships under 60 tons <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,.....	435	32,458	6,251
Do. <i>do.</i> <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	465	13,266	3,688
Total,.....	900	35,724	9,939
Steamships under 60 tons <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,.....	435	22,458	6,251
Do. <i>do.</i> <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	465	13,266	3,688
Total,.....	900	35,724	9,939
Junks <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	11,842	967,527	133,924
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	4,867	461,439	62,320
Total,.....	16,709	1,428,966	196,244
Junks <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	10,457	1,020,541	138,266
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	6,309	425,933	62,320
Total,.....	16,766	1,446,474	200,501
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels <i>entered</i> ,	25,764	11,323,015	622,634
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels <i>cleared</i> ,	25,814	11,325,601	625,984
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels in Foreign Trade, <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	51,578	22,653,616	1,248,618
LOCAL TRADE.			
Total Junks <i>entered</i> ,	31,694	1,191,717	296,617
Do. <i>cleared</i> ,	31,573	1,170,446	291,681
Total Local Trade, <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	63,267	2,362,163	588,298
Total Foreign Trade, <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	51,578	22,653,616	1,248,618
Total Local Trade, <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	63,267	2,362,163	588,298
Grand Total,	114,845	25,015,779	1,836,916

Table XIV.

STATEMENT of the REVENUE collected in the Harbour Department, during the Year 1905.

Head of Receipt.	Amount.
	\$ cts.
1. Light Dues, (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	74,233.45
2. Licences and Internal Revenue not otherwise specified :—	
Chinese Passenger Ships Licences, (Ordinance 1 of 1889),	1,065.00
Emigration Brokers Licences, (Ordinance 1 of 1889),	1,200.00
Fines,	617.50
Fishing Stake and Station Licences, (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	205.00
Fishing Stake and Station Licences, from the New Territory, (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	2,282.00
Junk Licences, &c., (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	37,517.50
Junk Licences, &c., from the New Territory, (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	15,881.70
Pilots Licences, (Ordinance 3 of 1904),	360.00
Steam-launch Licences, &c., (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	3,539.57
3. Fees of Court and Office, Payments for specific purposes and Reimbursements-in-Aid :—	
Cargo-boat Certificates, (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	2,432.00
Engagement and Discharge of Seamen, (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	26,302.60
Engagement of Masters and Engineers of Steam-launches, (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	222.00
Examination of Masters, &c., (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	2,617.50
Gunpowder, Storage of, (Ordinance 10 of 1889),	28,154.04
Medical Examination of Emigrants, (Ordinance 1 of 1889),	20,770.75
Printed Forms, Sale of,	426.75
Private Moorings and Buoys, Rent of, (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	3,450.00
Registry Fees (Merchant Shipping Act), (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	1,266.00
Steam-launches, Surveyor's Certificates, (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	2,910.00
Survey of Steam-ships, &c., (Ordinance 10 of 1899),	31,639.22
Sunday Cargo Working Permits, (Ordinance 1 of 1891),	43,475.00
Total,.....\$	300,567.76

Table XV.

RETURN of LICENSED STEAM-LAUNCHES Entered in the COLONY of HONGKONG during the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

PLACES.	TOWING.						NOT TOWING.						TOTAL.		
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen- gers.	Cargo Discharged in tons.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen- gers.	Cargo Discharged in tons.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen- gers.	Cargo Discharged in tons.
Within the Waters of the Colony, *	83,777	2,113,030	617,973	...	...	86,674	2,509,631	649,673	4,051,264	...	170,451	4,622,661	1,267,646	4,051,264	...
Total,.....	83,777	2,113,030	617,973	...	...	86,674	2,509,631	649,673	4,051,264	...	170,451	4,622,661	1,267,646	4,051,264	...
Outside the Waters of the Colony :—															
Samshui, } Kongmun, } Kamebuk, }	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wuchow,.....	11	300	77	...	...	9	492	162	...	555	20	792	...	555	
Macao,.....	...	...	...	...	...	217	13,552	4,328	2,145	972	217	13,552	4,328	2,145	972
Other Places,	454	12,966	3,611	...	...	209	8,414	1,761	5,113	206	663	21,380	5,572	5,113	206
Total,.....	465	13,266	3,688	...	...	435	22,458	6,251	7,258	1,733	900	35,724	9,939	7,258	1,733
Grand Total,.....	84,242	2,126,296	621,661	...	...	87,109	2,532,089	655,921	4,058,522	1,733	171,351	4,658,385	1,277,585	4,058,522	1,733

* The figures under the heading "Steam-launches plying within the Waters of the Colony are incomplete: the "Star" Ferry Company stating that since 1901, "owing to the amount of work entailed" they have had to discontinue keeping a record of the passengers carried by their launches, and also number of trips.

Table XVI.

RETURN of LICENSED STEAM-LAUNCHES Cleared in the COLONY of HONGKONG during the year ending 31st December, 1905.

PLACES.	TOWING.					NOT TOWING.					TOTAL.					
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen- gers.	Cargo Shipped in tons.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen- gers.	Cargo Shipped in tons.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen- gers.	Cargo Shipped in tons.	Bunker Coal in tons.
Within the Waters of the Colony, *	80,403	1,964,901	591,613	...	...	87,059	2,581,750	675,292	3,865,309	...	167,462	4,546,651	1,266,905	3,865,309	...	25,895
Total,.....	80,403	1,964,901	591,613	...	...	87,059	2,581,750	675,292	3,865,309	...	167,462	4,546,651	1,266,905	3,865,309	...	25,895
Outside the Waters of the Colony :—																
Samshui, } Kongmun, } Kamehuk, }	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wuchow,	11	300	77	...	...	9	492	162	...	...	20	792	239	...	820	315
Macao,.....	...	...	...	...	...	217	13,552	4,328	3,065	1,370	217	13,552	4,328	3,065	1,370	522
Other Places,	454	12,966	3,611	...	...	209	8,414	1,761	5,096	310	663	21,380	5,372	5,096	310	1,617
Total,.....	465	13,266	3,688	...	...	435	22,458	6,251	8,161	2,500	900	35,724	9,939	8,161	2,500	2,454
Grand Total,.....	80,868	1,978,167	595,301	...	...	87,494	2,604,208	681,543	3,873,470	2,500	168,362	4,582,375	1,276,844	3,873,470	2,500	28,349

* The figures under the heading "Steam-launches plying within the waters of the Colony" are incomplete: the "Star" Ferry Company stating that since 1901, "owing to the amount of work entailed" they have had to discontinue keeping a record of the passengers carried by their launches, and also number of trips.

Table XIX.

RETURN of VESSELS REGISTERED at the Port of Hongkong, during the year, 1905.

Name of Vessel.	Official Number.	Registered Tonnage.	Horse Power.	Rig.	Built of.	Where built and when.	Remarks.
Hoi Ning, (str.),	120,972	90	24	Schooner	Wood	Hunghom, Hongkong, 1900.	.....
Sobralense,	91,156	1,232	188	Brig	Iron	Barrow in Furness, ...1884.	Since lost off the entrance to
Albatross, "	120,973	83	24	Schooner	Wood	Mongkok, Hongkong, 1904.	[Port Arthur.
Canada,	120,974	51	21	Do.	Do.	Hongkong, .....1902.	.....
City of Birmingham, ..	109,531	92	64	Do.	Steel	Govan, Glasgow, .....1898.	.....
Shameen, "	120,975	9	8	None	Wood	Hongkong, .....1905.	.....
Pak Hin Hok, "	120,976	16	17	Do.	Do.	Canton, China, .....1903.	.....
Sin Tai Koo, "	120,977	11	11	Do.	Do.	Hongkong, .....1900.	.....
Tai Koo, "	120,978	10	13	Do.	Do.	Hongkong, .....1903.	.....
Tai Koo Choy, "	120,979	20	14	Do.	Do.	Hongkong, .....1904.	.....
Tai Koo Fook, "	120,980	8	8	Do.	Do.	Hongkong, .....1903.	.....
Tai Koo Hing, "	120,981	7	8	Do.	Do.	Hongkong, .....1905.	.....
Gretchen, "	120,982	13	9	Do.	Do.	Hongkong, .....1897.	.....
Aeolus, "	120,983	20	16	Do.	Do.	Hunghom, Hongkong, 1905.	.....
Wo Ping, "	120,984	134	31	Do.	Do.	Hunghom, Hongkong, 1885.	Lengthened 1905.
Taiwan, "	87,005	1,042	159	Schooner	Steel	Cartsdyke, Greenock, 1882.	.....
Tien Kong, (motor).	120,985	50	5	None	Wood	Hokun, Hongkong, ...1905.	.....

Table XX.

RETURN of REGISTRIES of VESSELS cancelled at the Port of Hongkong, during the year, 1905.

Name of Vessel.	Official Number.	Registered Tonnage.	Date of Registry.	Horse Power.	Rig.	Built of.	Where and when built.	Reason of Cancellation.
Hailoong, ... (str.),	88,847	783	1888	180	Schooner	Steel	Leith, .....1888.	Sold to Foreigners.
An Pho, "	95,859	966	1891	148	Do.	Do.	Fort Glasgow, .....1891.	Do. [of Palawan.
West York, ... "	74,496	706	1896	...	Barque	Iron	Sunderland, Durham, .....1876.	Lost off Flat Island, S. W.
Perla, "	77,120	1,287	1900	240	Schooner	Do.	Sunderland, Durham, .....1878.	Sold to Foreigners.
Hoi Ho, "	109,866	364	1901	40	None	Wood	Cheung-sha-wan, H'kong, 1901.	Do.
Shahzada, ... "	78,848	1,046	1904	206	Schooner	Iron	Belfast, .....1879.	Do.
Ping On, "	116,053	97	1904	28	Do.	Wood	Hongkong, .....1902.	Do. [Port Arthur.
Sobralense, ... "	91,156	1,232	1905	188	Brig	Iron	Barrow in Furness, ...1884.	Lost off the entrance to

Table XXI.

RETURN of MARINE CASES tried at the MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT, during the Year 1905.

NATURE OF CHARGE.	No. of Cases.	No. of Defendants.	Defendants how disposed of								Amount of Fines.	
			Imprisonment with Hard Labour.	Imprisonment with Hard Labour and forfeiture of pay.	Imprisonment without Hard Labour.	Imprisonment in default of fine.	Fined.	Forfeiture of Pay.	Reprimanded.	Sent back to duty.		Dismissed.
Absent from ship without leave,	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$ c.
Arrival without reporting, (Junk), ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	30.00
Breach of condition of Licence, (Launch),	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	40.00
Disobeying the lawful orders of Harbour Master,	25	55	...	...	...	...	55	...	...	...	...	213.50
Harbour Regulations, (Breach of, by Junks, &c.),	9	22	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	112.00
Impeding the progress of the voyage of the ship by refusing to proceed to sea,	12	185	...	...	111	...	...	...	...	10	64	...
Leaving without Clearance, (Junk), ..	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	15.00
Neglect of duty,	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Plying without a Licence, (Boats), ...	5	8	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	29.00
Rules of the Road, Failed to observe, (Steam-launches),	12	12	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	133.00
Refusal of duty,	3	45	12	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wilfully using the steam whistles other than for the purpose of navigation, (steam-launch),	2	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	45.00
Total,	75	338	12	36	111	...	103	...	...	10	66	\$617.50

APPENDIX A.

MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICE.

1. 21,350 Seamen were shipped and 24,280 discharged at Mercantile Marine Office and on board Ships during the year.

728 Distressed Seamen were received during the year, of these, 228 were sent home, 10 to Calcutta, 4 to Bombay, 5 to Colombo, 4 to Vancouver, 10 to Singapore, 2 to Aden, 25 to Sydney, 1 to Manila, 2 to Port Said, 1 taken charge of by U. S. Consul, 1 by Danish Consul, 7 by German Consul, 2 by Spanish Consul, 18 by French Consul, 1 by Netherlands Consul, 119 Passengers to Canton, 1 to Haiphong, 1 to Saigon, 2 to Shanghai, 1 to United Kingdom, 1 to Colombo, 9 to Manila, 2 to Singapore, 1 to Port Darwin, 1 to San Francisco, 1 disappeared, 4 employed on shore, 1 joined Lappa Customs, 4 died at Government Civil Hospital, 1 died at Kennedy Town Hospital, 1 remained at Government Hospital, 2 at Sailors' Home, and 255 obtained employment.

\$21,788.90 were expended by the Harbour Master on behalf of the Board of Trade in the relief of these distressed Seamen.

APPENDIX B.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (OPIUM) OFFICE.

2. The return shows that during the year the amount of Opium reported was as follows:—

	1904.	1905.	Increase.	Decrease.
	<i>Chests.</i>	<i>Chests.</i>	<i>Chests.</i>	<i>Chests.</i>
Imported,.....	45,936½	43,928½	.....	2,008
Exported,	43,858½	42,067½	.....	1,791
Through Cargo reported but } not landed,	14,587	9,746½	.....	4,840½

Eighteen thousand and fourteen (18,014) permits were issued from this office during the year, being a decrease of 88 as compared with 1904.

A daily memo. of exports to Chinese ports was, during the year, supplied to the Commissioner of Imperial Maritime Customs and a daily memo. of exports to Macau was supplied to the Superintendent of Raw Opium Department of Macau.

Surprise visits were paid to 110 godowns during the year.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF OPIUM.

IMPORTS.

	MALWA.	PATNA.	BENARES.	PERSIAN.	TURKISH.	CHINESE.	TOTAL.
	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>
1904,.....	8,051	22,761	9,894	5,070½	34	126	45,936½
1905,.....	6,763½	23,779	10,218	2,922	35	211	43,928½
Increase,...	...	1,018	324	...	1	85	1,428
Decrease, .	1,287½	...	...	2,148½	...	...	3,436

EXPORTS.

	MALWA.	PATNA.	BENARES.	PERSIAN.	TURKISH.	CHINESE.	TOTAL.
	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>
1904,.....	8,280½	20,903	9,482	5,151	8	34	43,858½
1905,.....	5,888	22,906	9,917	3,140½	47	169	42,067½
Increase,...	...	2,003	435	...	39	135	2,612
Decrease, .	2,392½	...	...	2,010½	...	...	4,403

Through Cargo reported in Manifests but not landed } 1904,..... 14,587 chests.
 } 1905,..... 9,746½ ,,
 Decrease, 4,840½ chests.

NUMBER OF PERMITS, &c., ISSUED.

	1904.	1905.	Increase.	Decrease.
Landing Permits,	362	341	...	21
Removal Permits,	8,665	8,692	27	...
Export Permits,	9,075	8,981	...	94
Memo. of Exports to the Commissioner of Chinese Customs,	550	536	...	14
Memo. of Exports to the Superintendent of Raw Opium Department, Macao,	297	293	...	4

SUMMARY OF EXPORTS, 1905.

	Malwa. chests.	Patna. chests.	Benares. chests.	Persian. chests.	Turkish. chests.	Chinese. chests.	Total. chests.	Total in Piculs.
By <i>Steamers</i> to Amoy,	39	...	1,757	642	5	...	2,443	2,810.45.0
Bushire, .....	...	...	...	4	...	...	4	4.10.0
Canton,	717½	6,470	1,356	7	2	...	8,552½	10,117.87.5
Changsha,	4	51	1	...	...	...	56	66.40.0
Chefoo, .....	...	...	5	...	...	...	5	6.00.0
Foochow,	1,035	716	366	825½	...	...	2,942½	3,179.53.8
Hankow,	3	33	3	...	...	...	39	46.20.0
Haiphong,	2	...	5	1	2	...	10	11.02.5
Herbertshoke, .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1.20.0
Hohow,	8	225	19	...	...	...	252	300.80.0
Hoihow, .....	...	770	107	...	...	...	877	1,052.40.0
Kwong Chow Wan, .....	...	482	...	21	...	...	503	599.92.5
London, .....	...	...	...	35	29	...	64	64.87.5
Macao, .....	...	4,356	16	...	...	...	4,372	5,246.40.0
Namtao, .....	...	39	...	...	...	...	39	46.80.0
New York, .....	...	...	...	11	...	...	11	11.27.5
Pakhoi, .....	...	95	53	...	...	...	148	177.60.0
Panama, .....	...	13	...	...	...	...	13	15.60.0
Philippine Islands,	2	602	615	206	...	...	1,425	1,673.55.0
Port Said, .....	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	2.00.0
Sandakan,	2	5	3	48	4	...	62	64.80.0
Shanghai,	2,144½	7,247	3,980	15	...	...	13,386½	15,632.27.5
Straits Settlements, .....	...	...	22	234	2	...	257	268.25.0
Swatow,	1,595½	1,275	716	31	...	...	3,617½	4,016.47.5
Tamsui,	6	...	880	1,060	...	169	2,115	2,317.50.0
Tientsin, .....	...	3	1	...	...	...	4	4.80.0
Victoria, B. C., .....	...	93	...	...	...	...	93	111.60.0
Weihaiwei, .....	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	3.60.0
Wuchow, .....	...	11	7	...	...	...	8	21.60.0
By <i>Junks</i> to various adjacent Ports in China,	329½	420	1	...	1	...	751½	835.70.0
Total,	5,888	22,906	9,917	3,140½	47	169	42,067	48,710.61.3

The information in Column 8 above is on the following assumption :—

Patna and Benares, per chest,	1.20.0	piculs.
Malwa, Turkish and Chinese, per chest,	1.00.0	„
Persian, per chest,	1.02.5	„

APPENDIX C.

MARINE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

3. During the year, 188 vessels of 421,521 gross register tons were surveyed for Passenger Certificate and Bottom Inspection.

Of these, 115 of 297,811 tons were British and 73 of 123 710 tons were Foreign vessels viz.:—51 German of 86,139 tons, 9 French of 13,178 tons, 6 Chinese of 12,821 tons, 5 Norwegian of 6,439 tons, and 2 Italian of 5,133 tons. A comparison with the work for 1885, so far as Passenger Certificate and Bottom Inspection are concerned, may be of interest.

In that year the total tonnage surveyed was 242,801, of which 177,388 was British and 65,413 foreign.

The increase in British and Foreign shipping combined is, therefore, 178,720 tons or 73.6 per cent., as compared with that of twenty years ago.

In British shipping the proportion is 120,423 tons or 67.9 per cent. and in Foreign shipping 58,297 tons or 89.1 per cent.

During the year, 92 emigration surveys were held, of which 49 were on British and 44 on Foreign vessels; 17 vessels were measured for registration purposes, and 1 Foreign vessel for certificate of British tonnage; 1 inspection of crew space and 7 minor inspections took place.

193 passenger launches were surveyed, 23 boilers were inspected during construction, and 172 inspections of Government launches were made while under repair.

RETURN of WORK performed by the GOVERNMENT MARINE SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Years.	Passenger Certificate and Inspection of Bottom.	Emigration.	Tonnage for Registration.	British Tonnage Certificate for Foreign Vessels.	Inspection of Crew Space, Lights and Markings.	Minor Inspection.	Survey of Licensed Passenger Steam-launches.	Survey of Boilers under Construction.	Inspection of Government Launches.	Examination of Engineers.	Examination of Chinese Engineers for Steam-launches.	Estimated Total Number of Visits in connection with foregoing Inspection.
1896,	142	68	6	5	3	0	97	20	37	77	66	1,409
1897,	158	79	24	3	1	1	109	41	35	96	51	1,631
1898,	164	83	10	3	5	0	121	61	26	72	48	1,729
1899,	144	61	10	3	2	0	134	62	27	57	78	1,602
1900,	151	83	7	0	0	8	187	73	47	99	124	1,834
1901,	157	92	7	3	0	0	217	36	102	88	118	2,031
1902,	175	93	9	7	4	0	210	25	126	109	76	1,768
1903,	190	111	8	2	2	1	184	30	126	85	72	2,107
1904,	196	125	35	5	2	1	203	45	126	82	104	2,140
1905,	188	93	17	1	1	7	193	23	172	77	81	1,989

APPENDIX D.

GUNPOWDER DEPÔT.

4. During the year 1905 there has been stored in the Government Gunpowder Depôt Stonecutters' Island:—

	No. of cases.	Approximate weight.
		lbs.
Gunpowder, privately owned,	5,743	123,315
Do. Government owned,	1,229	103,726
Cartridges, privately owned,	2,180	433,575
Do. Government owned,	1,445	336,845
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,	860	48,328
Do., Government owned,	1,967	133,616
Non-explosives, privately owned,	29	3,500
Do., Government owned,	1,287	123,542
Total,	14,740	1,306,447

During the same period there has been delivered out of the Depot :—

	No. of cases.	Approximate weight. lbs.
For Sale in the Colony :—		
Gunpowder, privately owned,	953	20,330
Cartridges, privately owned,	87	29,200
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,	360	19,750
Non-explosives, privately owned, .....	...	...
For Export :—		
Gunpowder, privately owned,	1,781	36,525
Cartridges, privately owned,	563	89,900
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,	277	15,050
Non-explosives, privately owned,	26	2,875
Total,	4,047	213,630

On the 31st December, 1905, there remained as follows :—

	No. of cases.	Approximate weight. lbs.
Gunpowder, privately owned,	3,009	66,460
Do. Government owned,	330	20,662
Cartridges, privately owned,	1,530	314,475
Do. Government owned,	47	4,550
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,	223	13,528
Do. Government owned,	970	47,396
Non-explosives, privately owned,	3	625
Do. Government owned,	706	70,300
Total,	6,818	538,096

APPENDIX E.

LIGHTHOUSES.

5. The amount of Light Dues collected was as follows :—

Class of Vessels.	Rate. per ton.	No. of Ships.	Tonnage.	Total Fees collected.
Ocean Vessels,	1 cent	4,006	6,741,155	\$ 67,411.55
Steam Launches,	1 ..	288	10,774	107.74
River Steamers, (Night Boats),	$\frac{1}{3}$..	2,591	2,004,987	6,685.06
River Launches, (Night Boats),	$\frac{1}{3}$..	156	8,727	29.10
River Steamers, (Day Boats),	Free.	1,638	1,101,738	...
River Launches, (Day Boats),	Free.	456	16,223	...
Total, .....	...	9,135	9,883,604	74,233.45

Gap Rock.

Owing to exceptional weather conditions at this station the telegraph cable was broken close to the Rock on the 26th of July. Temporary repairs were effected by the 8th August, and the line was in good working order. A Telegraph Cable Ship then became available, and her services were engaged to make permanent repairs, which were completed on the 24th August. Unfortunately, the shore end of the cable was not properly secured on the Rock, with the result that the cable again parted during the typhoon of the 30th August. The N.E. Monsoon setting in shortly after this rendered the work of repairing extremely difficult, and communication was not restored until the 14th December, since which date the line has worked without a hitch, though the cementing in of the shore end has not been completed on account of the heavy sea.

Notwithstanding these interruptions of communications, 618 vessels were reported from Gap Rock, in addition to 200 messages received and 2,401 sent, including weather reports to the Observatory.

One hundred and ninety hours and ten minutes of fog were reported from this station during the year, and the fog signal gun was fired 1,178 times.

On two occasions the relief was delayed by the rough sea.

Waglan.

1,484 vessels were reported from this station by telephone during the year. Owing to temporary interruptions of communication, 419 vessels were not reported. In addition, 85 messages were received and 125 sent.

Four hundred and thirty seven hours and twelve minutes of fog were reported during the year, and the fog signal gun was fired four thousand four hundred and seventy four times.

On September 20th a typhoon was reported, and, in consequence, the relief was delayed from that date until the 25th. This is the only occasion which has yet occurred of the relief being delayed by the rough sea.

Cape D'Aguilar.

The reports from this station were discontinued during the year, being superfluous, and on the 11th August, on the removal of the Cape D'Aguilar light, the station was vacated by this Department.

Green Island.

The new tower, to take the former Cape D'Aguilar Light, is now completed, and the light placed in position, with occulting gear complete. It will be displayed from the 1st day of the new year.

Capshuimun.

The character of this light was altered on the 1st April. The new light is RED, 6th Order, Dioptric, visible 6 miles.

