

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 501.—It is hereby notified that ships conveying Chinese passengers, under the provisions of the Chinese Emigration Ordinances, 1889 to 1901, will not be allowed to carry them on the upper weather deck, between the 1st of June and the 15th of October, inclusive.

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

5th June, 1906.

OBSERVATORY.

No. 502.—Extract of Meteorological Observations made at the Hongkong Observatory during the month of May, 1906.

DATE.	BARO-METER AT M.S.L.	TEMPERATURE.			HUMIDITY.		CLOUDI- NESS.	SUN- SHINE.	RAIN.	WIND.	
		Max.	Mean.	Min.	Rel.	Abs.				Dir.	Vel.
	ins.	°	°	°	p. c.	ins.	p. c.	hrs.	ins.	Points.	Miles p. h.
1,	29.89	71.7	69.8	67.4	93	0.68	100	...	0.370	E	15.1
2, .....	.88	73.4	70.8	66.7	91	.69	100	0.2	0.835	E by S	8.4
3, .....	.91	72.2	70.9	69.9	91	.69	92	...	0.045	E	21.0
4, .....	.90	75.0	72.3	69.1	94	.74	93	5.2	0.605	E	19.3
5, .....	.86	79.2	73.6	71.2	95	.78	95	1.3	0.470	E by S	10.8
6, .....	.80	74.3	71.7	69.2	96	.74	67	...	1.425	E	6.9
7, .....	.79	76.5	72.7	69.2	93	.75	88	0.4	0.490	E by S	8.1
8, .....	.85	79.2	74.1	69.6	88	.75	91	2.5	...	SE	6.3
9, .....	.94	75.5	73.6	71.8	93	.77	100	...	...	E by N	17.9
10,	30.01	76.0	73.9	72.2	89	.75	98	1.4	...	E by N	18.2
11,	29.99	76.9	74.3	71.9	90	.76	90	3.7	0.010	E	16.7
12, .....	.94	79.9	75.6	73.6	94	.83	61	8.2	...	E	11.8
13, .....	.90	85.2	78.9	73.9	85	.84	45	10.1	...	W by N	3.8
14, .....	.88	85.6	79.6	74.9	84	.85	63	10.6	...	SE	5.1
15, .....	.89	87.3	80.7	76.9	85	.89	70	11.2	...	ESE	6.8
16, .....	.90	87.4	81.6	77.8	82	.88	66	8.2	...	S by E	6.6
17, .....	.89	87.7	81.6	77.3	83	.89	50	9.0	...	S	4.0
18, .....	.87	80.9	77.5	74.7	88	.82	81	4.2	0.105	E	12.3
19, .....	.77	86.8	78.4	74.0	84	.82	75	9.7	...	E by S	8.5
20, .....	.68	86.9	82.3	76.7	69	.76	65	8.3	...	E by N	15.3
21, .....	.51	89.4	83.8	79.2	64	.75	81	2.6	...	NNW	13.9
22, .....	.58	87.3	82.6	78.8	74	.82	66	11.5	...	W by S	10.0
23, .....	.70	86.4	80.9	75.8	74	.78	74	2.7	0.080	ENE	13.7
24, .....	.76	78.4	75.6	72.1	85	.75	100	...	0.325	E by N	33.9
25, .....	.76	77.5	75.1	73.0	94	.82	100	...	3.760	E	30.9
26, .....	.68	80.9	78.8	77.4	91	.90	94	0.2	0.875	SE by E	15.5
27, .....	.58	86.1	80.9	77.0	88	.93	84	6.3	0.305	SE by S	5.8
28, .....	.56	80.0	75.5	73.0	93	.82	100	...	1.280	ENE	16.7
29, .....	.68	75.2	73.3	71.6	95	.78	100	...	0.595	E by S	6.5
30, .....	.75	78.1	74.9	71.7	69	.60	53	8.4	0.005	E by N	19.8
31, .....	.81	80.2	76.1	71.9	69	.62	17	11.7	...	E	23.5
Mean or Total,	29.80	80.6	76.5	73.2	86	0.78	79	137.6	11,580	E	13.3

MEANS OF 20 YEARS FOR MAY.

Max'm,	29.91	83.9	79.4	76.0	87	0.85	85	256.0	48.84	...	16.0
Mean,	29.86	81.4	76.8	73.7	83	0.78	75	148.2	13.43	E by S	13.2
Min'm,	29.83	78.6	73.4	71.9	79	0.71	54	82.5	1.15	...	10.3

The following notices have been issued by Mr. F. G. FIGG during the month :—

On the 17th at 12.55 p.—The barometer has risen considerably over N China, and fallen moderately in the Philippines. A depression is situated to the E of Luzon. It is probably moving towards WNW at present. An area of high pressure lies over Central China. The wind will shift to the NE and freshen in the Formosa Channel, and over the NE part of the China Sea. Forecast :—“Light variable to moderate NE winds ; fair at first, showery later.”

On the 18th at 11.30 a.—The barometer has fallen over E Japan owing to a depression which having crossed the Sea of Japan yesterday, is now moving into the Pacific to the E of Hokkaido. The typhoon appears to have approached or entered Central Luzon where a further sharp fall of the barometer has occurred. It is probably moving towards WNW. The high pressure area remains over Central China, and pressure has increased over the E coast. Strong NE winds to gales may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the NE part of the China Sea. Forecast:—"Fresh NE winds; showery, squally."

On the 19th at 12.5 p.—The barometer has risen in Manila, and fallen over China and Formosa. The typhoon appears to be situated to the NW of Luzon. It is probably moving towards NW. Pressure is highest over S Japan. It remains low to the N of Japan. Strong NE winds to gales are indicated in the Formosa Channel, and the N part of the China Sea. Forecast:—"N winds, moderate; fair." At 5.30 p.—Orders issued to hoist the Red Cone point downwards and Drum.

On the 20th at 11.5 a.—Orders issued to hoist the Black Cone point downwards and Drum. At 11.55 a.—The barometer has fallen over China and W Japan, and risen over NE Japan and Luzon. The typhoon appears to be situated about 250 miles to the SSE of Hongkong, and to be moving WNW. Pressure is highest to the S of Japan, and over N China. Bad weather is indicated in the China Sea. Forecast:—"NE winds freshening, possibly to a gale; weather becoming squally with rain."

On the 21st at 11.20 a.—The barometer has fallen considerably along the S coast of China, and also in Japan. The typhoon appears to be situated about 150 miles to the SE of Hongkong, and to be moving slowly Northwards. Bad weather may be expected along the coast between Hongkong and Foochow. Forecast:—"N to NW winds, strong to a gale; squally, showery." Owing to the interruption of the cable the Gap Rock observations are not available. At noon, orders issued to fire the gun. At 4.30 p. Black Drum hoisted. The typhoon appears to be near the coast about 100 miles E of Hongkong and probably recurving to the NE.

On the 22nd at 4.50 a.—Orders issued to lower the Black Drum. At 11.50 a. The barometer is rising slowly in Hongkong, and falling at the Formosa stations. The typhoon is probably near Swatow and progressing slowly towards NE. Pressure has increased and is relatively high over N China. Bad weather may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and fresh W and SW winds over the N part of the China Sea. Forecast:—"Moderate W winds; fair." At 5 p. The typhoon has moved NE along the coast since yesterday, the centre now being on land near Amoy.

On the 23rd at 11.50 a.—The barometer has risen generally, except at Meiacó Sima. The typhoon is nearly filled up. It appears to exist as a slight depression to the NE of Formosa. High pressure lies over N China and the Sea of Japan. The wind will probably freshen from NE in the Formosa Channel, and the N part of the China Sea. Forecast:—"NE winds, freshening; fair."

On the 24th at 11.30 a.—The barometer has fallen slightly over the Loochoos owing to the depression, which having moved towards ENE since yesterday, is now situated to the E of the group. Pressure has increased over China and Japan, while a slight decrease has occurred in the S Philippines. Pressure is high over N China and the Sea of Japan, and highest over the E part of the latter area. It is relatively low over the China Sea. Gradients are steep over S China, and strong NE winds are expected to continue in the Formosa Channel and the N part of the China Sea. Forecast:—"NE winds, strong to a moderate gale; squally, showery."

On the 26th at 11.50 a.—The barometer has fallen generally, particularly over N China, Japan and Luzon. The fall in Luzon is due to a typhoon, which appears to be approaching Central Luzon and to be moving NW. In China it is caused by a depression which is apparently moving Eastwards to the N of the Yangtze. Pressure is highest over Central Japan. Moderate SE winds are indicated in the Formosa Channel and along the Northern shores of the China Sea. Forecast:—"Moderate SE winds; showery to fair."

On the 27th at 12.50 p.—The barometer has risen in the Philippines and fallen over China and Formosa. The Northern depression has passed from the continent to the Yellow Sea moving Eastwards. The depression in the South may have passed into the China Sea to the W of Luzon, it appears to be feeble. Variable winds are indicated in the Formosa Channel and the N part of the China Sea. Forecast:—"Moderate S or variable winds; fair to showery."

On the 28th at 11.55 a.—The barometer has fallen rapidly in Japan owing to the depression which is now traversing E Japan moving towards the Pacific. Pressure has increased quickly over N China, and fallen slightly on the S coast and in Formosa. The highest pressure is over N China, and a low pressure trough, in which no definite centre is at present detected, extends over the N part of the China Sea and the Pacific towards the South of the Loochoos. Gradients are rather steep over S China, and strong NE winds are expected to prevail in the Formosa Channel and the N part of the China Sea. Forecast:—“Strong NE winds; squally, rainy.”

On the 29th at 12.15 p.—The barometer has risen in S Japan, and fallen in N Japan. The depression is moving into the Pacific to the S of Hokkaido. Pressure has increased over S China and the Philippines, and decreased slightly over N China and Formosa. The highest pressure is over Central China. It remains low over the N part of the China Sea, particularly to the S of Formosa. Strong NE winds are indicated in the Formosa Channel, and variable winds over the N part of the China Sea. Forecast:—“Moderate variable winds; unsettled, showery.”

W. DOBERCK,
Director.

6th June, 1906.

LAND REGISTRY OFFICE.

No. 503.—Terms of proposed Leases of Foreshores and Sea Bed, situate at Hang Hau Village, New Territories.

Notice is hereby given under Section 3 of the Foreshores and Sea Bed Ordinance, 1901, that it is proposed by His Excellency the Governor to grant under the said Ordinance Leases of the Foreshores and Sea Bed or land covered by the Sea situate at Hang Hau Village, in the New Territories, in the Colony of Hongkong, the particulars and measurements whereof are specified in the schedule hereto, and the limits and boundaries whereof are shewn on a plan which is deposited and may be seen at the District Land Office, Taipo, such Leases to be granted for the respective terms of 75 years from the 1st day of July, 1898, with the option of renewal by the Lessees for the remainder of the term of 99 years commencing the 1st July 1898, less the last 3 days thereof for which the said premises are now held by His Majesty the King from His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China. The Leases to be in the usual form and to contain a special covenant that the said premises are to be used for the purposes of reclamation and building and for other similar purposes.

SCHEDULE.

No.	Proposed Registry No.	Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Crown Rent.	
		N. E.	S. W.	N. W.	S. E.			
1	S. D. 224 Lot No. 232.	feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.	7,525	} Rent to be assessed at the end of 5 years.	
2	” ” ” 233.	115	100	70	70	2,730		
3	” ” ” 234.	N. feet.	S. feet.	E. feet.	W. feet.	8,330		
4	” ” ” 236.	70	70	130	108	3,500		\$16.
5	” ” ” 237.	70	70	50	50	3,500		\$16.

NOTICE.

And notice is hereby given that all persons having objections to the granting of such Leases must send their objections in writing to the Colonial Secretary before the 8th day of July, 1906, in order that the same may be duly considered by His Excellency the Governor in Council.

G. H. WAKEMAN,
Land Officer.

8th June, 1906.