

No. 766.

POST OFFICE.

1. Postal Orders of the values named below, payable within three months at any Post Office in Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Central Africa Protectorate, British Honduras, Cyprus, Ceylon, Dominica, Egypt, Falkland Islands, Federated Malay States, Gambia, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Grenada, India, Jamaica, Lagos, Malta, Mauritius, Montserrat, Natal, Nevis, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Orange River Colony, St. Helena, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somaliland Protectorate, Straits Settlements, Tobago, Trinidad, Transvaal, Turks or Caicos Islands, Virgin Islands, Zanzibar, and in the United Kingdom, and at the Agencies of the British Post Office at Ascension, Beyrout, Constantinople, Panama, Salonica, Smyrna, and Tangier, can be obtained at Hongkong or at any British Post Office in China at the following prices, which include Commission :—

-/6.....	26 cents.
1/-.....	49 "
1/6.....	74 "
2/6.....	\$ 1.23
5/-.....	\$ 2.40
10/-.....	\$ 4.80
10/6.....	\$ 5.10
20/-.....	\$ 9.60

2. The purchaser of any Postal Order must fill in the Payee's name before parting with it. He may also fill in the name of the Office where payment is to be made. If this is not done the Order is payable (within three months) anywhere in the above places. Any Postal Order may be crossed to a Bank.

3. Postal Orders should *always* be forwarded in *Registered Covers*. If this precaution is not taken NO ENQUIRIES WHATEVER will be made as to the loss or alleged loss of any Order.

L. A. M. JOHNSTON,
Postmaster General.

31st August, 1906.

OBSERVATORY.

No. 767.—Extract of Meteorological Observations made at the Hongkong Observatory during the month of August, 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,	29.75	87.9	83.4	79.9	75	0.86	66	10.0	...	SW by S	9.8
2, .....	.74	87.7	82.1	77.9	81	.88	64	9.2	0.185	SSW	5.7
3, .....	.78	88.0	83.6	79.3	79	.91	70	9.9	0.045	SSW	7.2
4, .....	.86	86.5	84.1	81.1	79	.92	74	9.0	0.035	SSW	8.7
5, .....	.86	87.6	83.2	80.9	81	.92	74	8.6	0.065	SSW	9.5
6, .....	.83	87.2	83.4	79.4	79	.91	76	10.4	...	SW by S	10.2
7, .....	.83	87.5	83.7	81.2	78	.90	76	10.7	...	SW by S	11.1
8, .....	.86	88.6	83.9	80.3	79	.92	73	9.9	0.010	SSW	6.2
9, .....	.86	89.0	83.6	80.4	81	.94	75	5.5	...	SW	5.1
10, .....	.86	88.8	83.7	79.8	79	.91	81	6.5	...	SW by S	5.3
11, .....	.86	88.7	82.7	78.9	81	.90	41	11.4	...	SE by E	5.1
12, .....	.88	88.8	81.9	78.0	84	.91	24	11.2	...	E	6.8
13, .....	.89	89.4	82.7	78.0	81	.91	26	10.5	...	E by S	6.2
14, .....	.90	90.8	84.1	79.1	77	.90	33	11.1	...	SSE	4.9
15, .....	.90	89.5	84.4	80.2	75	.90	46	9.6	...	SSW	4.2
16, .....	.86	91.6	85.5	81.4	73	.89	23	11.7	...	WSW	7.1
17, .....	.83	91.6	85.8	82.1	74	.91	44	9.7	...	SW	9.0
18, .....	.81	92.4	85.8	82.0	72	.89	47	11.7	...	SW	8.5
19, .....	.82	87.2	82.0	78.9	83	.91	59	2.9	0.250	SSE	5.2
20, .....	.86	89.7	83.3	78.9	80	.91	37	11.0	...	SE by E	6.5
21, .....	.87	89.4	83.5	78.4	77	.89	14	11.4	...	SE	3.5
22, .....	.85	91.1	83.5	77.8	74	.85	4	11.7	...	SW by S	3.5
23, .....	.82	91.6	83.2	78.7	78	.89	31	11.1	...	SSE	5.1
24, .....	.80	88.7	82.1	77.9	82	.90	48	8.8	0.985	ESE	4.7
25, .....	.73	88.6	82.4	77.9	79	.87	26	11.3	...	E	3.2
26, .....	.68	88.1	81.9	77.0	82	.89	34	9.5	0.405	N	2.7
27, .....	.66	91.5	83.3	77.9	80	.92	26	10.2	...	WNW	3.5
28, .....	.57	93.7	87.1	80.9	67	.86	58	9.1	...	NW by W	7.7
29, .....	.39	86.7	82.6	77.5	73	.82	93	1.1	0.780	NW by W	18.0
30, .....	.47	79.7	76.2	74.6	91	.82	100	...	1.210	W	10.7
31, .....	.70	85.7	79.8	75.0	87	.88	86	6.5	...	E	4.3
Mean or Total,	29.79	88.8	83.2	79.1	79	0.89	53	281.2	3.970	SW by S	6.7

MEANS OF 20 YEARS FOR AUGUST.

Max'm,.....	29.82	88.6	83.1	78.9	86	0.90	78	252.8	27.87	...	13.1
Mean,	29.75	86.1	81.1	77.3	83	0.88	65	196.0	14.22	SE by S	9.8
Min'm,	29.66	83.6	80.0	75.9	78	0.85	56	151.8	5.19	...	5.4

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

On the 23rd at 11.25 a.—“The barometer has risen moderately over N.E. Japan, and fallen slightly over the Loochoos, Formosa and Luzon. Pressure is high over N.E. Japan, and also over Central China. It appears to be somewhat low over the Pacific, and a depression may be forming over this area, probably to the E. or N.E. of Luzon. Pressure is now about 0.05 inch in defect of the normal over Luzon, and a like amount in excess, over S. China, Formosa and the Loochoos. There is a slight gradient for N.W. winds over the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“Light W. or variable winds ; fine.”

On the 24th at 11.30 a.—“The barometer has fallen moderately to slightly over Japan, the Loochoos and Formosa. Pressure is lowest, apparently, over the Pacific to the N.E. of Luzon. It is highest over N.E. Japan in the North, and over the S. part of the China Sea in the South. It is normal over Formosa and the Loochoos, slightly in defect over Luzon, and a little above the average point on the China Coast. Gradients continue slight, chiefly for N.E. and E. winds along the China Coast and over the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“N.E. winds, light to moderate ; fair.”

On the 25th at 11.40 a.—“The barometer has fallen at all stations, rapidly over E. Japan and moderately to slightly elsewhere. The fall in Japan is caused by a depression which appears to be moving to the N.E. off the E. coast. The other stations are under the influence of a depression in the Pacific. It is probably lying at some distance to the Southward of the Loochoos. Over Luzon and the Loochoos pressure is now nearly 0.1 inch below the normal. The highest pressure appears to be over Central China.” Forecast :—“N.E. or variable winds, light to moderate ; fine as a whole, but probably some showers.”

On the 26th at 11.25 a.—“The barometer has risen considerably over E. Japan, and fallen elsewhere, particularly over the Loochoos. The depression in the Pacific is probably a typhoon. It is still situated to the South of the Loochoos, and apparently it has a slow motion towards N.W. or N.N.W. Pressure is highest and normal over N. Japan. It is in defect 0.2 inch and upwards over the Loochoos, and about 0.1 inch along the China Coast and over the Philippines.” Forecast :—“N.W. to W. winds, light ; probably some thunder showers.”

On the 27th at 11.25 a.—“The barometer has risen considerably over Japan, and moderately over N. China. It has fallen over the S. Loochoos, Formosa and Luzon. The typhoon is situated to the S.E. of the Meiaco Sima islands. It is probably moving slowly towards W.N.W. A high pressure area is spreading over Japan, the departure from the normal pressure being about 0.3 inch in excess in the extreme N.E. of the islands. Over Meiaco Sima and the S. Loochoos, it is a like amount in defect.” Forecast :—“N.W. and W., light to moderate ; fine as a whole, but probably a thunder shower.”

On the 28th at 11.30 a.—“The barometer has risen moderately over N. China and Japan, and fallen considerably over Meiaco Sima and Formosa. The typhoon is now situated to the S.S.E. of Meiaco Sima. It appears to be moving slowly Westwards, and threatens to pass over Formosa. The area of high pressure is still central to the N.E. of Japan, pressure exceeding the normal at Nemuro by about 0.4 inch. At Meiaco Sima the mercury is over half an inch below its average height. Bad weather is expected to prevail in the Formosa Channel, and strong E. and N.E. winds and gales over the E. coast of China as far North as Shanghai. Over the N. part of the China Sea, N.W. to S.W. winds, moderate to strong breezes, will probably prevail.” Forecast :—“N.W. winds, moderate or fresh, fair.”

On the 29th at 7.45 a.—Orders issued to hoist the Red Drum, and at 11.5 a. to hoist the Black Drum. At 11.30 a.—“The barometer has risen considerably over Meiaco Sima and the Loochoos, and fallen rapidly over Formosa and the S. and S.E. coasts of China. The typhoon has passed over S. Formosa, the centre being now situated to the South of the Pescadores. It continues to move towards West, and threatens the coast in the neighbourhood of Swatow. Pressure has given way in N.E. Japan, but remains in excess of the normal by 0.1 inch and upwards over Japan generally. At the S. Formosa stations it is in defect by about 0.7 inch. Bad weather is indicated along the China Coast between Hongkong and Shanghai.” Forecast :—“N.W. winds, increasing considerably ; squally, some rain.”

On the 30th at 7.45 a.—Orders issued to hoist the Black Cone point upwards with the Drum. At 11.20 a.—“The barometer has fallen over Northern and Central China, and risen rapidly over the Formosa Channel. At Swatow and Hongkong the rise is comparatively slow. The typhoon entered the Coast during the night between Amoy and Swatow. This morning it is situated to the North of Swatow. It appears to be moving towards W.N.W. The highest pressure is over S. Japan, where pressure is about 0.1 inch in excess of the normal. Over the S. and S.E. coasts of China it is still in defect by from 0.3 to 0.5 inch. Strong W. and S.W. winds to gales are indicated over the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“W. to S.W. winds, fresh to strong; squally, showery.” At 12.30 p.—Signal lowered.

On the 31st at 11.35 a.—“Except over N. China and Japan, the barometer has risen generally, particularly over Formosa and the S. and S.E. coasts of China. The typhoon has filled up rapidly during the past 24 hours. It is shown this morning as an elongated depression lying between the S. Coast of China and the Yangtze. Pressure is highest over Japan. It exceeds the normal by about 0.1 inch over this area and the Loochoos, and is in defect a like amount along the China Coast. Pressure is probably high, also, to the N.W. of China.” Forecast:—“S.E. winds, light to moderate; showery.”

W. DOBERCK,
Director.

5th September, 1906.

MAGISTRACY.

No. 768.—A meeting of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace will be held at the Magistracy, at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday, the 18th September, 1906, for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1898, viz.:—

To permit one GEORGE GREEN to remove the business now carried on by him under a publican's licence on premises numbered 21, Pottinger Street, under the sign of “The Criterion Hotel” to premises numbered 98-100, Queen's Road Central.

H. H. J. GOMPERTZ,
Police Magistrate.

5th September, 1906.

LAND REGISTRY OFFICE.

No. 769.—It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the District Land Office, Beaconsfield, Hongkong, at 2.30 p.m., on Friday, the 28th day of September, 1906.

The Lot is sold for the term of 18 years from the date of Sale for the purpose of Salt Pans subject to the General Conditions of Sale published in Government Notification No. 365 of 1906 and to the special conditions hereunder specified.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Registry No.	Locality.	Content in acres.	Annual Crown Rent.
Demarcation District No. 313, Lot No. 206.	Tai O, Lantao Island.	37.39 as per Sale-plan.	At the rate of \$1 per acre for the first three years and during the remaining 15 years at such rate per acre per annum as the Lot shall be sold for by Public Auction not being less than the upset annual rental of \$15 per acre.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

1. The land shall be used solely for the purposes of Salt Pans and the Crown Lease to be granted to the Purchaser shall contain a covenant by the Lessee to that effect and a Proviso that in the event of the Lessee, his executors, administrators or assigns failing at any time during the continuance of the Lease to use the land for the purpose of Salt Pans, the land may be re-entered on and thereupon the same shall be forfeited to and vest in the Crown.