

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS DEPARTMENT.

No. 269.—The attention of merchants is drawn to the fact that Full Trade Returns for the first quarter of 1919 have been compiled by the Statistical Branch of this Office and are now obtainable from the Government Printers, Messrs. NORONHA & Co., No. 14A Des Vœux Road Central, at the price of \$3 a copy.

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13th June, 1919.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

No. 270.—Extract of Meteorological Observations made at the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, during the month of May, 1919.

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	86.5	81.3	76.6	76	0.82	61	10.5	...	SW by S	6.6
2,	30.01	83.5	78.1	73.6	56	.54	72	6.0	...	N by E	13.4
3, .....	.09	77.3	72.7	69.1	52	.42	53	7.7	...	E by N	13.8
4, .....	.05	75.8	73.0	70.3	75	.61	32	10.1	...	E	15.0
5, .....	.02	80.6	76.2	73.0	84	.76	82	9.1	...	E by S	12.1
6,	29.98	83.3	78.1	74.6	85	.82	66	9.5	...	E by S	9.0
7, .....	.91	86.0	79.1	75.4	79	.79	77	6.9	...	SW by W	2.7
8, .....	.88	86.4	80.7	76.7	80	.84	90	4.2	...	S by W	4.2
9, .....	.87	86.6	82.0	79.9	80	.87	95	3.3	...	S by W	10.0
10, .....	.80	87.6	82.3	80.1	79	.87	97	3.4	...	SSW	14.6
11, .....	.75	81.7	77.1	71.8	86	.80	99	0.2	1.405	SW	9.8
12, .....	.78	80.9	77.1	74.0	89	.83	96	2.8	0.660	E by S	7.1
13, .....	.81	77.7	76.0	73.2	92	.83	96	...	1.420	E	8.5
14, .....	.80	81.4	77.1	74.3	89	.83	97	4.5	0.255	E by S	8.4
15, .....	.81	79.8	75.9	71.5	88	.79	98	2.8	0.065	E by N	14.3
16, .....	.81	73.9	71.9	70.8	77	.60	100	0.4	...	E by N	23.7
17, .....	.78	81.0	75.7	71.9	84	.74	65	5.8	...	E	10.9
18, .....	.75	83.2	77.4	74.5	83	.78	90	3.9	...	E	11.4
19, .....	.74	81.7	77.6	73.3	79	.75	50	10.2	...	E	15.0
20, .....	.76	81.6	78.3	75.7	84	.82	62	7.6	...	E by S	13.2
21, .....	.81	88.6	81.5	75.6	82	.88	94	6.0	0.505	SW	6.2
22, .....	.92	75.5	73.1	70.4	77	.63	100	...	0.005	NNE	6.1
23, .....	.92	71.7	70.3	69.2	89	.66	100	...	0.110	NE by E	2.7
24, .....	.91	77.0	72.7	69.0	88	.71	100	...	0.085	E by N	4.1
25, .....	.92	73.5	71.5	69.2	88	.68	100	...	0.240	E	16.0
26, .....	.88	76.4	73.3	70.2	88	.72	91	0.4	0.030	E	14.3
27, .....	.83	80.6	76.7	73.7	77	.71	39	10.9	...	E	15.9
28, .....	.80	81.3	77.3	74.5	77	.72	49	9.3	...	E	15.5
29, .....	.81	79.5	76.8	74.8	84	.78	84	0.3	0.350	E by N	16.7
30, .....	.85	77.8	76.4	75.5	92	.84	100	0.2	0.280	E by N	21.3
31, .....	.88	79.6	77.6	75.9	92	.87	100	1.5	1.540	E	16.8
Mean,	29.86	80.6	76.6	73.6	82	0.75	82	Sum. 137.5	Sum. 6.950	E	11.6

MEANS AND EXTREMES FOR MAY :—

Maximum,	29.92	84.1	79.4	76.0	90	.85	89	261.3	48.840	...	16.0
Mean, (1884-1918),	29.86	81.3	76.8	73.5	83	.77	75	155.3	11.602	E by S	12.7
Minimum,	29.80	78.6	73.4	70.9	77	.71	54	82.5	1.150	...	9.4

The rainfall for the month of May at the Botanical Gardens was 7^{ins.} 43 on 15 days, at the Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett, it was 6^{ins.} 38 on 16 days, and at the Police Station, Taipo, it was 12^{ins.} 24 on 16 days.

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6th June, 1919.