

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 421.—It is hereby notified that an order has been made by His Majesty in Council dated the 30th of May, 1919, approving the grant of a Charter incorporating the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau.

A copy of this Charter may be seen on application at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary.

12th September, 1919.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

No. 422.—Extract of Meteorological Observations made at the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, during the month of August, 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,	29.47	92.2	84.7	80.0	73	0.86	76	9.2	0.145	E by N	6.7
2, .....	.54	85.2	82.1	79.4	87	.95	99	...	0.415	W	6.0
3, .....	.61	88.5	83.4	76.3	82	.94	63	7.9	0.405	W	4.2
4, .....	.63	86.2	82.5	79.4	88	.98	76	3.6	0.925	W	3.9
5, .....	.67	88.4	84.1	81.3	81	.95	52	10.2	...	S by W	4.7
6, .....	.64	88.5	84.1	80.5	83	.97	71	7.8	...	W by S	4.0
7, .....	.55	90.7	85.4	78.2	82	1.00	69	8.3	0.290	W by N	6.4
8, .....	.53	86.9	82.2	76.6	83	0.91	71	9.5	0.870	W	6.1
9, .....	.48	88.5	82.6	79.6	83	.92	83	7.2	0.475	NW by W	6.6
10, .....	.46	84.1	81.1	77.3	88	.93	100	0.3	2.260	SSW	8.3
11, .....	.59	83.3	80.8	77.6	87	.91	95	0.6	2.935	E	17.4
12, .....	.62	86.8	82.7	79.4	74	.83	79	8.4	...	E	10.7
13, .....	.62	88.6	83.5	78.2	79	.90	14	11.1	...	W	4.7
14, .....	.62	91.1	85.6	81.7	79	.97	22	11.1	...	W by S	5.9
15, .....	.62	90.8	86.4	82.8	82	1.03	38	9.7	...	WSW	5.7
16, .....	.68	90.9	84.1	79.5	81	0.95	58	7.0	0.020	W	6.2
17, .....	.73	88.3	81.2	76.3	83	.88	80	3.0	0.655	W by N	4.3
18, .....	.74	83.8	80.7	78.0	85	.89	95	0.6	0.345	E by N	12.7
19, .....	.78	80.9	78.3	75.8	89	.86	94	...	2.705	E	13.9
20, .....	.85	85.6	82.6	77.2	81	.90	51	9.2	0.360	E by S	17.2
21, .....	.73	91.8	84.7	77.5	74	.87	71	8.5	0.120	ENE	18.2
22, .....	.61	83.5	81.5	77.3	81	.87	100	0.3	2.220	E	49.2
23, .....	.74	85.6	82.4	78.8	80	.88	98	3.6	0.130	SE by E	28.7
24, .....	.79	83.4	79.7	77.3	86	.87	67	3.2	0.865	E by S	9.9
25, .....	.60	89.9	84.4	77.6	74	.88	12	11.7	...	NW	14.6
26, .....	.43	90.6	86.3	83.1	71	.89	80	2.2	0.150	W by N	15.3
27, .....	.54	83.9	82.1	78.8	88	.97	100	...	1.475	SSW	13.0
28, .....	.69	83.9	81.7	77.3	83	.90	100	...	0.055	S by E	18.6
29, .....	.79	84.7	81.3	78.3	84	.89	75	7.1	0.720	SE by E	14.5
30, .....	.80	86.2	81.7	77.9	78	.84	74	9.1	0.240	SE by S	6.5
31, .....	.70	86.8	81.6	74.0	82	.88	76	7.3	0.890	W	8.6
Mean,	29.64	87.1	82.8	78.5	82	0.91	72	Sum. 177.7	Sum. 19.670	ESE	11.4

MEANS AND EXTREMES FOR AUGUST:—

Maximum,	29.82	88.8	83.5	79.7	86	.94	81	281.2	30.060	...	13.2
Mean, (1884-1918),	29.74	86.5	81.5	77.7	83	.89	65	201.7	14.051	SE	9.4
Minimum,	29.63	83.6	79.5	75.9	78	.85	53	136.7	3.970	...	5.4

The rainfall for the month of August at the Botanical Gardens was 24^{ins.} .46 on 22 days, at the Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett, it was 25^{ins.} .45 on 21 days, and at the Police Station, Taipo, it was 24^{ins.} .97 on 23 days.

T. F. CLAXTON,
Director.

10th September, 1919.