

HONGKONG.

REPORT ON THE BLUE BOOK AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR 1889.

*Laid before the Legislative Council, by Command of His Excellency
the Officer Administering the Government.*

1.—TAXATION.

There have been no changes under this head.

2.—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The Revenue amounted to \$1,978,274.73, or excluding premiums from Land Sales to \$1,823,549.13; and the Expenditure amounted to \$1,833,718.79, including Extraordinary Works; excluding these, to \$1,459,167.16.

The Revenue and Expenditure for the past five years have been:—

Year.	Revenue.	Premiums from Land.	Ordinary Expenditure.	Extraordinary Expenditure, including Defensive Works.
1885,.....	\$1,251,889.70	\$ 66,658.50	\$1,146,103.15	\$475,147.24
1886,.....	1,367,977.74	34,731.59	1,195,236.81	825,624.84
1887,.....	1,427,485.79	155,238.02	1,278,181.68	744,820.38
1888,.....	1,557,300.03	160,688.64	1,461,459.64	530,870.03
1889,.....	1,823,549.13	154,725.60	1,459,167.16	374,551.63

3.—LOCAL REVENUES.

The Chinese inhabitants contributed in 1889, by voluntary assessment among themselves, to the pay of the District Watchmen,\$7,350.13
and received from the Government for the same object a grant-in-aid of 2,084.00

4.—ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

On the 31st December, 1889, the assets of the Colony exceeded its liabilities by...\$505,109.87 (a)

The surplus assets in:—

1884, were	\$ 729,562.02
1885, ,,	\$ 427,692.42
In 1886, the liabilities exceeded the assets by	\$ 191,512.29
In 1887, the surplus assets were.....	\$ 631,374.08 (b)
1888, Do.	\$ 360,649.76

5.—PUBLIC DEBT.

No new loan has been raised.

Amount of present Loan, £200,000. Amount of Sinking Fund, £17,680.

6.—MILITARY EXPENDITURE.

The Military Expenditure (inclusive of the Volunteer Corps) defrayed by the Colony during the last six years has been as follows:—

	Military Contribution, exclusive of Defensive Works, and inclusive of Volunteer Corps.	Defensive Works.	Defensive Works.
1884,.....	\$114,498.78	\$ 3,464.64	£ 650. 0.4
1885,.....	\$117,337.00	\$ 68,153.45	£12,576.10.2
1886,.....	\$124,561.68	\$217,901.45	£39,230. 0.0
1887,.....	\$128,815.63	\$258,444.28	£43,710. 7.6
1888,.....	\$134,594.68	\$ 62,115.90	£10,036. 4.0
1889,.....	\$134,261.12	\$ 63,753.73	£ 9,678.14.5

(a.) This included a sum of \$50,000 debited to the Post Office, it has been ascertained that this sum has been embezzled by the Superintendent of the Money Order Office.

(b.) A loan of £200,000 having been raised during 1887 to be paid off on the 1st of March, 1907.

7.—GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

Government House.

Government House was maintained in repair, and the Sanitary arrangements were satisfactory.

8.—PUBLIC WORKS.

The expenditure under this head was \$57,180.66 for ordinary repairs to buildings, \$59,371.72 for upkeep of the roads and streets; \$70,038.00 for storm damages; and \$63,753.73 for Defensive Works.

9.—LEGISLATION.

The following Ordinances were passed during the year:—

- No. 1.—An Ordinance entitled *The Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 2.—An Ordinance entitled *The Evidence Consolidation Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 3.—An Ordinance entitled *The Compensation to Families Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 4.—An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 6 of 1887.
- No. 5.—An Ordinance for the naturalization of TSÜ TAK-PIU *otherwise* CHING Ü.
- No. 6.—An Ordinance entitled *The Statute Law Preservation Ordinance, 1886, Amendment Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 7.—An Ordinance entitled *The Coroner's Abolition Ordinance Supplemental Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 8.—An Ordinance to amend the Powers of Police Magistrates.
- No. 9.—An Ordinance to amend *The Cattle Diseases, Slaughter-Houses, and Markets Ordinance, 1887.*
- No. 10.—An Ordinance to amend *The Reformatory Schools Ordinance, 1886.*
- No. 11.—An Ordinance entitled *The Stone Cutters' Island Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 12.—An Ordinance for the Incorporation of the Director, in Hongkong, of the Berlin Ladies' Mission for China.
- No. 13.—An Ordinance entitled *The Prison amendment Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 14.—An Ordinance entitled *The Arms Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 15.—An Ordinance entitled *The Buildings Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 16.—An Ordinance entitled *The Praya Reclamation Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 17.—An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 6 of 1889, and to amend the Statute Law Preservation Ordinance, 1886.
- No. 18.—An Ordinance entitled *The Passengers Relief Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 19.—An Ordinance entitled *The Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 20.—An Ordinance for the naturalization of LI MAN HI *otherwise* POKSHAN.
- No. 21.—An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 17 of 1887.
- No. 22.—An Ordinance to amend *The Post Office Ordinance, 1887.*
- No. 23.—An Ordinance entitled *The Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 24.—An Ordinance to amend *The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1879.*
- No. 25.—An Ordinance to amend the Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance, 1889, and to make provision against certain emigration abuses.
- No. 26.—An Ordinance entitled *The Chinese Extradition Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 27.—An Ordinance entitled *The French Mail Steamers Ordinance continuation Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 28.—An Ordinance entitled *The German Mail Steamers Ordinance continuation Ordinance, 1889.*
- No. 29.—An Ordinance to amend *The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance.*
- No. 30.—An Ordinance to provide for certain expenses of trial &c., of Criminal Lunatics.
- No. 31.—An Ordinance for the naturalization of LEUNG SHÜ *otherwise* LEUNG ÜN or LEUNG YÜK or YUK SHANG.
- No. 32.—An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 14 of 1862. (*Patents.*)
- No. 33.—An Ordinance to authorise the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Two hundred and Ninety-five thousand and Eighty-seven Dollars and Ninety-nine Cents to defray the Charges of the Year 1888.
- No. 34.—An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding One Million Three hundred and Three thousand, and Seventy-seven Dollars to the Public Service of the Year 1890.
- No. 35.—An Ordinance to amend *The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1879.*

10.—COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLIES.

Executive Council.—His Excellency Major-General BEVAN EDWARDS, R.E., C.B., the Senior Military Officer was admitted a Member of the Executive Council. Honourable J. M. PRICE vacated his seat on his retirement from the service.

Legislative Council.—The Honourable A. J. LEACH, Acting Attorney General, the Honourable S. BROWN, Surveyor General, the Honourable J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Registrar General, and the Honourable J. J. KESWICK were admitted Members of the Legislative Council. Honourable H. E. WODEHOUSE vacated his seat on the Honourable A. LISTER resuming the duties of Colonial Treasurer. The Honourable A. P. MAC EWEN resumed his seat as Member nominated by the Chamber of Commerce on his return to the Colony. Honourable J. M. PRICE vacated his seat on his retirement from the service.

Sanitary Board.—The Surveyor General and the Captain Superintendent of Police were appointed President and Vice-President respectively.

Board of Examiners.—Mr. F. H. MAY was appointed Honorary Secretary to the Board.

11.—CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Sir G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX was absent from the Colony, by permission, from the 30th August to 23rd September. Mr. FREDERICK STEWART, the Colonial Secretary, administered the Government.

Mr. J. M. PRICE, Surveyor General, retired on pension through ill health on the 23rd March, and was succeeded by Mr. SAMUEL BROWN.

Mr. FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary, died on the 29th September and was succeeded by Mr. FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.

Temporary Changes occurred in various Departments owing to Officers going on or returning from leave.

12.—OFFICERS WHO HAVE GIVEN SECURITY FOR THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES.

The validity of the sureties of the various Officers was duly enquired into at the end of every quarter, and found to be satisfactory.

13.—PENSIONS.

The following Officers retired on pension during the year:—

J. M. PRICE, Surveyor General.

7 European Police Constables.

17 Indian Police Constables.

14.—EXPENDITURE OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

The amounts paid during the year on account of the Departments were:—

Payments in Great Britain in Sterling money,£20,447. 3s. 10d.

Payments in the Colony in Local Currency,\$826,048.48.

15.—FOREIGN CONSULS.

No new Consulates were established in the Colony during 1889.

16.—POPULATION.

The estimated population on the 31st December, 1889, was as follows:—

Males,138,033

Females, 56,449

————— 194,482

which is 21,318 less than the estimated population at the end of 1888.

The last census was taken in 1881, the population being then returned as 160,402, of which 115,369 were males, and 45,033 females.

The following is the mean estimated population for the last 8 years:—

Years.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1882,	119,704	46,729	166,433
1883,	124,768	48,707	173,475
1884,	130,560	50,969	181,529
1885,	137,079	53,515	190,594
1886,	144,550	56,440	200,990
1887,	152,427	60,524	212,951
1888,	154,500	61,300	215,800
1889,	138,033	56,449	194,482

The births and deaths for the last 5 years were as follows:—

Years.	Births.	Deaths.	Per 1,000 of mean Population.	
			Births.	Deaths.
1885,	1,555	5,192	8.16	27.24
1886,	1,557	5,100	7.74	25.37
1887,	1,705	5,317	8.01	24.97
1888,	1,662	6,034	7.70	27.96
1889,	1,683	4,597	8.65	23.64

17.—ECCLESIASTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

There were no changes in these Establishments, as compared with previous years.

18.—EDUCATION.

The total number of Schools subject to supervision by the Government amounted, in 1889, to 99, as compared with 97 in 1888 and 94 in 1887.

The total number of Scholars subject to Government supervision in the Government and Grant-in-aid Schools during the last 5 years was as follows:—

Years.	Govt.	Grant-in-aid.	Total.
1885,	1,803	4,041	5,844
1886,	1,893	3,951	5,844
1887,	1,814	4,160	5,974
1888,	1,933	4,325	6,258
1889,	2,388	4,814	7,202

The total expenditure for these Schools for the last 5 years was as follows:—

1885, (after deducting School fees),	\$36,085.27
1886, (" "),	43,085.50
1887, (" "),	43,070.91
1888, (" "),	45,518.93
1889, (" "),	44,321.98

19.—EXCHANGE, MONEY, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Exchange.

The rate of Exchange on 4 months' Bills on London was on 2nd January, 1889, $3/1\frac{1}{4}$, it fell to $3/0\frac{1}{2}$ on the 6th March, and rose to $3/3\frac{3}{8}$ on 27th November, and was at the end of the year $3/2\frac{1}{2}$.

Currency.

The law affecting currency has remained unchanged.

Bank Notes.

The Bank Notes in circulation in Hongkong during the last 5 years, as furnished by the Managers of the respective Banks, were as follows:—

Years.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
1885,	\$4,080,071	\$2,000,833
1886,	4,368,705	2,138,333
1887,	5,052,473	2,362,833
1888,	5,759,875	2,660,000
1889,	6,034,984	2,552,500

Money Circulation.

The approximate amount of Coin put into circulation up to 31st December, 1889, was as follows:—

Hongkong Dollars and half Dollars struck at the Hongkong Mint,.....\$1,421,487

Hongkong Silver and Copper Subsidiary Coins (20, 10, and 5 cent

pieces; and 1 Cent and Mil pieces during 1889),\$1,040,000

The importation of Copper Coin has been discontinued.

Weights and Measures.

The Weights and Measures in use in the Colony are regulated by Ordinance 8 of 1885.

20.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

There being no Custom House, it is not possible to furnish an account of all Imports and Exports but a record of Raw Opium imported and exported during 1889 has been kept, and is as follows:—

Imported,	67,429 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{21}{16}$ chests.
Exported,	61,808 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{27}{16}$ „

The fractions are explained by the fact that *broached* chests were landed here and were exported.

21.—SHIPPING.

Arrivals exclusive of Junks.

The total arrivals, exclusive of Junks, during the year 1889, amounted to 3,820 vessels and 4,518,614 tons, being 17,828 tons under the arrivals in 1888.

Junks.

22,926 Junks measuring 1,716,922 tons arrived in the Colony in 1889, as against 23,958 Junks and 1,863,968 tons in 1888, showing a decrease of 1,032 Junks and 147,046 tons.

The total arrivals for the last 5 years were:—

Years.	EXCLUSIVE OF JUNKS.		JUNKS.		GRAND TOTAL.	
	Number of Vessels.	Tons.	Number of Vessels.	Tons.	Number of Vessels.	Tons.
1885,.....	3,428	3,866,709	23,674	1,797,222	27,102	5,663,931
1886,.....	4,251	4,571,296	22,971	1,752,868	27,222	6,324,164
1887,.....	4,078	4,607,914	23,521	1,793,923	27,599	6,401,837
1888,.....	3,821	4,536,442	23,958	1,863,968	27,779	6,400,410
1889,.....	3,820	4,518,614	22,926	1,716,922	26,746	6,235,536

Immigration and Emigration.

The following will show the number of Chinese who arrived in, and the number who departed from the Colony during the last 5 years:—

Years.	Arrived.	Departed.
1885,	80,773	57,517
1886,	88,704	64,522
1887,	92,375	82,897
1888,	98,800	96,195
1889,	99,315	47,849

22.—AGRICULTURE.

The lands of the Colony being limited and not favourable for agricultural purposes, there is no inducement for this industry here. The produce is quite nominal, and is for local consumption only.

23.—MANUFACTURES, &C.

Manufactories.

No new Manufactories have been added to those already in existence.

Steam-Launches.

The total number of Steam-Launches built in the Colony in 1889, was 26, with a total tonnage of 1,172.58, as against 24 with a total tonnage of 1,655 in 1888. The total number of licensed Steam-Launches of all descriptions, in the Colony, in 1889, were:—

Licensed to carry passengers,	50
Private Launches,.....	41
Colonial Government Launches.	10
War Department Launches,.....	6

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24.—GRANTS OF LAND.

The sales of land on lease during the last 5 years were:—

Years.	Total No. of Sales.	Total No. of Acres sold.		
		A.	R.	P.
1885,	145	28.	0.	14 $\frac{3}{4}$
1886,	88	82.	2.	31 $\frac{3}{4}$
1887,	187	76.	0.	8
1888,	202	104.	0.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
1889,	65	88.	1.	15 $\frac{1}{4}$

25.—GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

On the 1st January, 1889, there were 503 prisoners in Victoria Gaol; 3,705 were admitted during the year, and 3,608 discharged; the total number of prisoners on the 31st December, 1889, was 600, of whom 39 were Europeans.

The daily average of prisoners was 581, as against 531 in the previous year.

The number of prisoners admitted into Gaol during the last five years was as follows:—

YEARS.	NO. OF PRISONERS.			TOTAL.	DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER IN PRISON.
	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.		
1885,	3,327	147	136	3,610	530.00
1886,	4,278	173	149	4,600	674.00
1887,	4,012	149	147	4,308	584.00
1888,	3,390	98	139	3,627	531.00
1889,	3,453	131	121	3,705	581.00

26.—CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

Supreme Court.

The following is a Return of cases tried at the Supreme Court during the last five years:—

YEARS.	Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	CHARGES ABANDONED.		POSTPONED.	
					Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.
1885,	91	147	103	22	16	22	...	...
1886,	75	107	59	20	16	27	1	1
1887,	94	155	82	36	17	26	1	8
1888,	101	186	99	47	28	40	...	...
1889,	92	143	64	41	24	37	...	...
Total,	453	738	407	166	101	152	2	9
Average of last 5 years,	90 $\frac{2}{5}$	147 $\frac{2}{5}$	81 $\frac{2}{5}$	33 $\frac{1}{5}$	20 $\frac{1}{5}$	30 $\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	1 $\frac{1}{5}$
Do. ending 1884,	95 $\frac{2}{5}$	145 $\frac{2}{5}$	98	31 $\frac{2}{5}$	8 $\frac{2}{5}$	15	$\frac{3}{5}$	1

Police Magistrates' Court.

The Cases before the Police Magistrates during the last 5 years were as follows:—

YEARS.	Total No. of Cases.	Total No. of Prisoners.	CASES HOW DISPOSED OF.						
			Convicted and Punished.	Discharged.	Committed for Trial.	Committed pending Orders.	Ordered to Find Security.	Punished for False Testimony.	Un-decided.
1885,	10,281	11,901	8,800	2,446	161	14	456	6	18
1886,	14,611	16,647	12,923	2,388	159	5	969	35	168
1887,	12,015	14,182	10,679	2,779	167	32	463	14	48
1888,	11,647	13,309	9,932	2,849	174	109	192	3	50
1889,	8,670	10,033	6,894	2,497	167	54	337	17	67
Total,	57,224	66,072	49,228	12,959	828	214	2,417	75	351
Average of last 5 years,	11,444.8	13,214.4	9,845.6	2,591.8	165.6	42.8	483.4	15	70.2
Do. ending 1884,	9,517.2	11,221.4	8,320.4	2,259.8	189.0	26.8	309.2	24.6	91.6

Marine Magistrates' Court.

The Cases before the Marine Magistrate's Court during the last 5 years were as follows:—

YEARS.	Number of Cases.	Number of Defendants.	DEFENDANTS HOW DISPOSED OF.							
			Imprisoned.	Fined.	Forfeiture of Pay.	Reprimanded.	Sent back to Duty.	To be discharged from Ship.	Dismissed.	Committed for Trial.
1885,.....	111	221	136	47	14	2	1	...	21	...
1886,.....	58	87	43	24	6	2	1	...	11	...
1887,.....	90	152	47	37	6	21	15	3	23	...
1888,.....	70	167	66	38	2	2	53	1	5	...
1889,.....	53	107	54	25	...	...	15	...	13	...
Total,.....	382	734	346	171	28	27	85	4	73	...
Average of last 5 years,	76.4	146.8	69.2	34.2	5.6	5.4	17.0	0.8	14.6	...
Do. ending 1884,...	72.4	140.0	55.6	26.4	10.4	2.6	18.4	1.8	24.4	...

Police.

The Cases brought under the notice of the Police during the last 5 years were as follows:—

YEARS.	SERIOUS OFFENCES.			MINOR OFFENCES.		
	Number of Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Number of Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.
1885,.....	2,466	1,298	561	4,309	3,707	757
1886,.....	2,500	1,389	472	6,336	6,457	672
1887,.....	2,577	1,234	565	5,904	6,310	1,214
1888,.....	2,436	1,116	556	5,678	5,772	1,105
1889,.....	2,893	1,409	618	4,568	4,529	1,131
Total,.....	12,872	6,446	2,772	26,795	26,775	4,879
Average of last 5 years,.....	2,574.4	1,289.2	554.4	5,359.0	5,355.0	975.8
Do. ending 1884,.....	2,410.2	1,295.6	488.4	5,055.0	4,073.2	909.8

27.—HOSPITALS, &C.

Civil Hospital.

The admissions to the Government Civil Hospital during the year were as follows, as compared with 1888.

	1888.	1889.
Police,	657	590
Board of Trade,	153	135
Private paying Patients,	313	402
Government Servants,	159	135
Police Cases,	242	252
Destitutes,	248	279
Total,.....	<u>1,772</u>	<u>1,793</u>

The total admissions to the Hospital and Deaths during the last 5 years were as follows:—

<i>Years.</i>	<i>Admissions.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>
1885,	1,510	76
1886,	1,623	79
1887,	1,656	89
1888,	1,772	80
1889,	1,793	77
Total,.....	<u>8,354</u>	<u>401</u>
Average,	<u>1,670.8</u>	<u>80.2</u>

The admissions from the Police Force and the number of Deaths for the past five years were as follows:—

<i>Years.</i>	<i>Admissions.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>
1885,	495	9 (a.)
1886,	602	14 (b.)
1887,	619	9
1888,	657	15
1889,	590	14
Total,.....	<u>2,963</u>	<u>61</u>
Average,	<u>592.6</u>	<u>12.2</u>

The admissions of Europeans were, in 1888, 147, as compared with 166 in 1889; the Chinese were 231, in 1888, as compared with 194 in 1889; and the Indians were 279 in 1888, as compared with 230 in 1889.

Military Hospital.

The admissions from among the troops during the past five years were as follows:—

<i>Years.</i>	<i>Admissions.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>
1885,	1,090	24 (c.)
1886,	1,607	9
1887,	1,749	14
1888,	1,485	21
1889,	1,732	16
Total,.....	<u>7,663</u>	<u>84</u>
Average,	<u>1,532.6</u>	<u>16.8</u>

Small-Pox Hospital.

The admissions during the past five years were as follows:—

<i>Years.</i>	<i>Admissions.</i>
1885,	14
1886,	11
1887,	65
1888,	99
1889,	19
Total,.....	<u>208</u>
Average,	<u>41.6</u>

Inquests.

The inquests held during the past five years were as follows:—

1885,	100
1886,	120
1887,	115
1888,	63
1889,	76

By Ordinance 17 of 1888, the Office of Coroner is abolished, and the duties thereof transferred to the Police Magistrates.

28.—CHARITABLE AND LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

No fresh Institution was formed.

29.—RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

No fresh Institution was formed.

W. M. DEANE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
HONGKONG, 24th July, 1890.

(a.) Only 5 of these died in Hospital, 1 died at his own residence, and 3 died whilst on leave.
(b.) In Hospital.
(c.) 12 died of Cholera.