

HONGKONG.

REPORT OF THE CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE FOR 1889.

*Presented to the Legislative Council, by Command of His Excellency
the Officer Administering the Government.*

No. 15.

POLICE DEPARTMENT,

28th January, 1890.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Criminal Statistics for the year 1889. They show that 7,461 cases were reported to the Police during the last year, being a decrease of 653 cases or 8.04 per cent. on the return for 1888. In the subdivision of these cases into Serious Crimes (so called) and Minor Offences an increase of 457 cases or 18.76 per cent. is found in Serious Crimes, and a decrease of 1,110 cases or 19.54 per cent. in Minor Offences. The proportion of convictions for Serious Crimes is 3 per cent. higher than in the previous year.

2. If the house building and population increase in the same way that they have done for the last few years, it will be necessary to apply for an increase of the land force.

3. The adoption of telephones instead of the somewhat antiquated magnetic instruments used for the Police telegraphs is under consideration, and I propose in the next requisition of Stores from England to include three standard Police Alarms of the kind that have lately been tried in London; they may prove to be serviceable, if placed at the Clock Tower, the Chinese Recreation Ground, and near the Albany.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. M. DEANE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Honourable
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

TABLE A.

RETURN OF SERIOUS AND MINOR OFFENCES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED DURING THE YEAR 1889, WITH THE RESULTS OF SUCH REPORTS.

1889.	Robberies with Violence from the Person.		Burglaries.		Larcenies in Dwelling Houses.		Assaults with Intent to Rob.		Larcenies.		Felonies not already given.		Assaults and Disorderly Conduct.		Gambling.		Kidnapping.		Unlawful Possession.		Piracy.		Drunkenness.		Miscellaneous Offences.		Europeans and Americans.		Indians.		Chinese.		Total.		TOTAL OF ALL CASES.													
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.		Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.											
January,.....	9	5	4	1	7	3	196	90	12	8	1	58	13	32	4	16	7	13	25	20	10	2	1	..	15	36	264	243	60	11	7	2	..	477	117	490	124	655								
February,.....	7	3	1	9	4	..	..	125	49	17	8	4	58	3	6	..	9	9	8	15	11	5	..	..	16	35	151	169	30	11	4	3	1	317	89	331	94	447						
March,.....	8	5	5	3	3	2	..	188	98	14	7	7	89	5	9	1	2	..	3	19	18	5	..	..	17	61	277	368	40	17	3	..	556	95	573	98	657									
April,.....	3	..	6	3	5	2	..	192	82	26	11	10	91	5	7	0	9	7	14	32	30	3	2	..	13	10	179	210	23	39	5	7	..	417	114	463	119	555										
May,.....	6	1	7	2	5	2	1	198	88	26	11	6	139	7	13	8	5	1	7	24	23	5	..	..	9	13	252	297	31	29	1	15	..	579	116	623	117	675								
June,.....	3	3	..	..	4	2	..	196	96	18	4	4	125	6	12	1	6	1	10	19	19	2	..	..	14	20	267	289	65	16	5	5	1	542	138	563	144	677						
July,.....	5	..	..	1	2	..	..	215	102	27	8	2	145	5	15	4	6	3	3	25	20	10	..	..	17	11	271	261	74	30	8	11	..	526	166	567	174	713				
August,.....	6	1	7	12	1	..	..	182	74	45	8	0	119	8	19	4	6	3	7	30	24	10	..	..	15	24	217	196	51	19	4	4	1	468	159	491	164	632						
September,.....	6	..	8	5	3	2	..	194	72	46	8	4	113	6	10	6	3	..	3	38	29	12	..	..	12	18	235	247	54	26	8	5	8	454	195	485	211	646								
October,.....	5	2	..	7	1	..	..	179	79	30	6	6	106	7	11	9	2	1	1	32	21	14	..	..	10	8	193	203	68	21	9	7	8	414	177	442	194	665						
November,.....	3	1	1	4	1	..	..	176	73	24	11	5	682	1	..	3	4	..	6	19	14	6	1	..	18	5	245	240	56	25	9	4	3	384	140	413	152	575								
December,.....	45	3	1	4	1	..	1	195	88	29	9	4	87	3	6	2	7	5	4	35	23	17	..	..	9	11	256	242	58	24	5	3	1	470	152	497	168	634								
TOTAL,.....	66	24	35	55	23	17	43	14	5	1	2	..	2,226	991	314	100	65	67	1,212	1,481	470	60	140	51	75	87	79	313	252	90	4	1	2	165	232	63	2,807	2,905	610	288	68	66	23	5,604	1,658	5,938	1,749	7,461

d. 1 case undetected.

c. 1 absconded from bail.

b. 1 case undetected.

a. 4 absconded from bail.

W. M. DEANE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

Police Department, Hongkong, 28th January, 1890.

TABLE D.

1.—RETURN OF SERIOUS OFFENCES REPORTED TO THE POLICE, DURING THE 10 YEARS ENDING 1889, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS ARRESTED, CONVICTED AND DISCHARGED.

YEAR.	Murder.				Robbery with Violence from the Person.				Burglary and Larceny in Dwelling House.				Assault with Intent to Rob.				Kidnapping.				Piracy.				Unlawful Possession.				Larceny.				Felonies not already given.			
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	
1880,	1	...	...	...	25	16	3	19	53	31	10	41	2	1	...	...	...	...	111	11	12	50	62	226	181	70	251	1,662	898	239	1,137	6	1	15	16
1881,	2	1	...	1	19	15	8	23	60	34	8	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	98	7	12	9	21	303	307	53	360	1,879	979	260	1,239	9	7	5	12
1882,	2	1	...	1	30	21	6	27	91	49	27	76	1	...	...	...	...	...	88	5	3	11	14	275	239	76	315	2,104	1,053	344	1,397	33	10	36	46
1883,	*2	...	...	2	30	17	15	32	81	21	4	25	1	...	1	1	30	7	42	49	13	4	8	12	254	217	298	1,980	887	312	1,199	82	25	22	47
1884,	4	...	...	26	52	18	8	26	47	15	9	24	2	1	...	1	32	4	39	43	16	28	44	208	262	109	371	2,153	949	322	1,271	55	32	19	51
Total,	11	2	26	30	156	87	40	127	352	150	58	208	6	2	3	5	232	143	246	389	45	47	106	153	1,206	389	1,595	9,778	4,766	1,477	6,243	185	75	97	172	
1885,	3	...	2	2	96	70	35	105	67	28	7	35	3	1	...	1	53	25	60	85	17	13	20	33	229	165	261	1,927	952	300	1,252	45	36	40	76	
1886,	3	...	2	2	64	33	15	48	63	32	6	38	4	5	1	6	78	63	55	118	10	1	10	11	291	287	352	1,898	898	278	1,176	84	70	40	110	
1887,	1	...	1	1	51	23	3	26	60	11	8	19	...	...	...	...	90	54	72	126	8	18	14	32	327	263	383	1,985	815	280	1,095	76	50	68	118
1888,	2	2	10	12	45	19	13	32	76	18	2	20	4	3	1	4	91	37	96	133	12	...	4	4	254	208	307	1,878	776	284	1,060	74	53	47	100	
1889,	2	...	4	4	66	24	35	59	98	37	22	59	1	2	...	2	75	37	79	116	4	1	2	3	313	252	351	2,236	991	314	1,305	98	65	63	128	
Total,	11	2	19	21	302	169	101	270	369	126	45	171	12	11	2	13	387	216	362	578	51	33	50	83	1,414	1,175	1,654	9,924	4,432	1,456	5,888	377	271	258	532	
Average of 1st period,	2.2	0.4	5.2	6.0	31.2	17.4	8.0	25.4	66.4	30.0	11.6	41.6	1.2	0.4	0.6	1.0	46.4	28.6	49.2	77.8	9.0	9.4	21.2	30.6	271.2	241.2	319.0	1955.6	953.2	295.4	1248.6	37.0	15.0	19.4	34.4	
Average of 2nd period,	2.2	0.4	3.8	4.2	60.4	33.8	20.2	54.0	73.8	25.2	9.0	34.2	2.4	2.2	0.4	2.6	77.4	43.2	72.4	115.6	10.2	6.6	10.0	16.6	282.8	235.0	330.8	1984.8	886.4	291.2	1177.6	75.4	54.8	51.6	106.4	

* In one case the Murderer committed Suicide.

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2.—RETURN OF MINOR OFFENCES reported to the POLICE, during the 10 Years ending 1889, showing Number of Prisoners Arrested, Convicted and Discharged.

YEAR.	ASSAULT.				GAMBLING.				MISCELLANEOUS.				DRUNKENNESS. Cases reported.	NUISANCES. Cases reported.	NO LIGHT OR PASS. Cases reported.
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.			
1880,	746	965	310	1,275	358	814	191	1,005	1,815	1,769	374	2,143	276	329	840
1881,	904	1,430	227	1,657	397	1,046	108	1,154	1,879	1,983	367	2,350	337	284	566
1882,	754	1,089	317	1,406	261	698	147	840	1,750	1,820	382	2,202	276	263	424
1883,	730	852	299	1,151	86	358	166	524	2,629	2,804	559	3,363	158	527	1,135
1884,	1,118	1,513	397	1,910	104	594	124	718	2,441	2,636	581	3,217	202	790	2,896
Total,	4,252	5,849	1,550	7,399	1,206	3,505	736	4,241	10,514	11,012	2,263	13,275	1,249	2,193	5,861
1885,	753	973	273	1,246	255	736	58	794	1,901	1,998	426	2,424	323	690	387
1886,	1,031	1,486	225	1,711	248	762	31	793	3,735	4,209	416	4,625	373	470	479
1887,	1,101	1,425	335	1,760	99	766	211	977	3,941	4,119	668	4,787	231	340	192
1888,	958	1,187	329	1,516	62	489	67	556	3,905	4,096	709	4,805	229	399	125
1889,	1,212	1,484	470	1,954	69	140	51	191	2,807	2,905	610	3,515	165	252	63
Total,	5,055	6,555	1,632	8,187	733	2,893	418	3,311	16,289	17,327	2,829	20,156	1,321	2,151	1,246
Average of 1st period,	850.4	1169.8	310.0	1479.8	241.2	701.0	147.2	848.2	2102.8	2202.4	452.6	2635.0	249.8	438.6	1172.2
Average of 2nd period,	1011.0	1311.0	326.4	1637.4	146.6	578.6	83.6	662.2	3257.8	3465.4	565.8	4031.2	264.2	430.2	249.2

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3.—CASES REPORTED TO POLICE.

SERIOUS OFFENCES.

In 1880,	2,051 cases.	In 1885,	2,466 cases.
„ 1881,	2,329 „	„ 1886,	2,500 „
„ 1882,	2,596 „	„ 1887,	2,577 „
„ 1883,	2,423 „	„ 1888,	2,436 „
„ 1884,	2,652 „	„ 1889,	2,893 „
	<u>12,051 cases.</u>		<u>12,872 cases.</u>

Increase of 6.81 per cent. in second period.

MINOR OFFENCES.

In 1880,	4,364 cases.	In 1885,	4,309 cases.
„ 1881,	4,367 „	„ 1886,	6,336 „
„ 1882,	3,728 „	„ 1887,	5,904 „
„ 1883,	5,265 „	„ 1888,	5,678 „
„ 1884,	7,551 „	„ 1889,	4,568 „
	<u>25,275 cases.</u>		<u>26,795 cases.</u>

Increase of 6.01 per cent. in second period.

Altogether.

In 1880,	6,415 cases.	In 1885,	6,775 cases.
„ 1881,	6,696 „	„ 1886,	8,836 „
„ 1882,	6,324 „	„ 1887,	8,481 „
„ 1883,	7,688 „	„ 1888,	8,114 „
„ 1884,	10,203 „	„ 1889,	7,461 „
	<u>37,326 cases.</u>		<u>39,667 cases.</u>

Increase of 6.27 per cent. in second period.

4.—DETAIL OF CASES REPORTED TO POLICE.

SERIOUS OFFENCES.

	1880 to 1884.	Yearly Average.	1885 to 1889.	Yearly Average.
1. Murder,	11	2.2	11	2.2
2. Robbery with Violence,	156	31.2	302	60.4
3. Burglaries & Larcenies in Dwellings,	332	66.4	369	73.8
4. Assault with Intent to Rob,	6	1.2	12	2.4
5. Kidnapping,	232	46.4	387	77.4
6. Piracy,	45	9.0	51	10.2
7. Unlawful Possession,	1,356	271.2	1,414	282.8
8. Larcenies,	9,778	1,955.6	9,924	1,984.8
9. Felonies not already given,	185	37.0	377	75.4

MINOR OFFENCES.

	1880 to 1884.	Yearly Average.	1885 to 1889.	Yearly Average.
10. Assault,	4,252	850.4	5,055	1,011.0
11. Gambling,	1,206	241.2	733	146.6
12. Miscellaneous,	10,514	2,102.8	16,289	3,257.8
13. Drunkenness,	1,249	249.8	1,321	264.2
14. Nuisances,	2,193	438.6	2,151	430.2
15. No Pass or Light,	5,861	1,172.2	1,246	249.2

5.—NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED BY POLICE.

FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES.

In 1880,	1,638 persons.	In 1885,	1,859 persons.
„ 1881,	1,796 „	„ 1886,	1,861 „
„ 1882,	1,966 „	„ 1887,	1,799 „
„ 1883,	1,663 „	„ 1888,	1,672 „
„ 1884,	1,857 „	„ 1889,	2,027 „
	<u>8,920 persons.</u>		<u>9,218 persons.</u>

FOR MINOR OFFENCES.

Excepting Nos. 13, 14 and 15 (See Table 2) of which no details are given.

In 1880,	4,423 persons.	In 1885,	4,464 persons.
„ 1881,	5,161 „	„ 1886,	7,129 „
„ 1882,	4,448 „	„ 1887,	7,524 „
„ 1883,	5,038 „	„ 1888,	6,877 „
„ 1884,	5,845 „	„ 1889,	5,660 „
	<u>24,915 persons.</u>		<u>31,654 persons.</u>

Altogether excepting Nos. 13, 14 and 15.

In 1880,	6,061 persons.	In 1885,	6,323 persons.
" 1881,	6,957 "	" 1886,	8,990 "
" 1882,	6,414 "	" 1887,	9,323 "
" 1883,	6,701 "	" 1888,	8,549 "
" 1884,	7,702 "	" 1889,	7,687 "
	<u>33,835 persons.</u>		<u>40,872 persons.</u>

6.—DETAILS OF NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES.

	1880 to 1884.	1885 to 1889.
1. Murder,	30	21
2. Robbery with Violence from Person,	127	270
3. Burglaries and Larcenies from Dwellings,	208	171
4. Assault with Intent to Rob,	5	13
5. Kidnapping,	389	578
6. Piracy,	153	83
7. Unlawful Possession,	1,595	1,654
8. Larcenies,	6,243	5,888
9. Felonies not given,	172	532
	<u>8,922</u>	<u>9,210</u>

FOR MINOR OFFENCES.

	1880 to 1884.	1885 to 1889.
10. Assault,	7,399	8,187
11. Gambling,	4,241	3,311
12. Miscellaneous,	13,275	20,156
13. Drunkenness,	1,249	1,321
14. Nuisances,	2,193	2,151
15. No Pass or Light,	5,861	1,246
	<u>34,218</u>	<u>56,372</u>

7.—NUMBER OF PERSONS CONVICTED AND DISCHARGED.

FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES.

	Convicted.	Discharged.		Convicted.	Discharged.
In 1880,	1,208	430	In 1885,	1,298	561
" 1881,	1,390	406	" 1886,	1,389	472
" 1882,	1,405	561	" 1887,	1,234	565
" 1883,	1,178	485	" 1888,	1,116	556
" 1884,	1,297	560	" 1889,	1,409	618
	<u>6,478</u>	<u>2,442</u>		<u>6,446</u>	<u>2,772</u>

FOR MINOR OFFENCES.

	Convicted.	Discharged.		Convicted.	Discharged.
In 1880,	3,548	875	In 1885,	3,707	757
" 1881,	4,459	702	" 1886,	6,457	672
" 1882,	3,602	846	" 1887,	6,310	1,214
" 1883,	4,014	1,024	" 1888,	5,772	1,105
" 1884,	4,743	1,102	" 1889,	4,529	1,131
	<u>20,366</u>	<u>4,549</u>		<u>26,775</u>	<u>4,879</u>

Altogether excepting Nos. 13, 14 and 15.

	Convicted.	Discharged.		Convicted.	Discharged.
In 1880,	4,756	1,305	In 1885,	5,005	1,318
" 1881,	5,849	1,108	" 1886,	7,846	1,144
" 1882,	5,007	1,407	" 1887,	7,544	1,779
" 1883,	5,192	1,509	" 1888,	6,888	1,661
" 1884,	6,040	1,662	" 1889,	5,938	1,749
	<u>26,844</u>	<u>6,991</u>		<u>33,221</u>	<u>7,651</u>

TABLE E.

RETURN shewing the STRENGTH, ENLISTMENTS and CASUALTIES in the Police Force during 1889.

	Strength of the Force.	Enlistments.	Deaths.	Resignations through Sickness.	Resignations through expiry of term of Service or otherwise.	Dismissals or Desertions.	Total Number of Casualties.
Europeans,	120	29	5	...	13	7	25
Indians,	227	28	4	2	30	6	42
Chinese,	350	36	5	3	21	4	33
Total,.....	697*	93	14	5	64	17	100

* Exclusive of—1 Captain Superintendent,
 1 Adjutant,
 4 Clerks,
 55 Coolies, } Grand Total, 758.

W. M. DEANE,
 Captain Superintendent of Police.

Police Department, Hongkong, 28th January, 1890.