

HONGKONG.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF VICTORIA GAOL FOR 1892.

*Laid before the Legislative Council by Command of His Excellency  
the Governor, on the 8th February, 1893.*

D. L. No. 15.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, VICTORIA GAOL,  
HONGKONG, 18th January, 1893.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Annual Report on the Victoria Gaol for 1892.

2. During the year there were 5,231 admissions, the average number of prisoners confined in the Gaol being 515 which is a slight increase on the previous year. The daily maximum number was 595.

3. There have been 7,494 prison offences committed during the year being about  $14\frac{1}{2}$  offences to each prisoner as compared with over 23 in 1891. The comparative returns attached show the number of the most common of these offences.

4. Nine officers have been dismissed for misconduct during the year, but the conduct of the remainder of the Gaol Staff has been satisfactory.

5. The officers' quarters are devoid of necessary comforts. There is no mess room or recreation room, and, under the existing circumstances, it is almost impossible for an officer employed on night duty to get proper rest during the day, he being constantly disturbed by those on day duty who are compelled to use the same room.

6. The necessity for introducing the separate system generally has been frequently urged and I would most strongly recommend its adoption. At present from the time prisoners are locked up in the evening until they are unlocked in the morning and again during the officers' meal hours, it is impossible with a limited staff to exercise proper supervision in the corridors so as to prevent prisoners communicating with each other. It is unnecessary for me to mention the incalculable amount of harm which this must do and how the deterrent effect of imprisonment is lessened thereby.

7. Extra store-room and bath accommodation are required. The latter is so limited bathing cannot be conducted properly.

8. The insufficient yard accommodation has also been repeatedly pointed out. This I regard as one of the most serious deficiencies in the Gaol and makes it a matter of the utmost difficulty to keep the various classes of prisoners separate when at work. If this were increased many more prisoners could be employed at useful and remunerative labour.

9. The female prison is badly situated. The average number of females in prison during the year was 27, and, owing to the inadequate accommodation, it frequently happens that remand prisoners have to be placed in the same ward with convicted prisoners.

10. I forward herewith the usual returns.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. B. LETHBRIDGE,  
*Superintendent.*

The Honourable  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

## (A.)

## VICTORIA GAOL.

*Return of Reports for talking, &c., in the years, 1889, 1890, 1891 and 1892.*

MONTH.	1889. Daily average number in Prison, 581.	1890. Daily average number in Prison, 566.	1891. Daily average number in Prison, 507.	1892. Daily average number in Prison, 515.
January, .....	105	196	252	237
February, .....	150	181	116	316
March, .....	132	243	227	351
April, .....	142	212	202	253
May, .....	278	290	257	142
June, .....	205	260	313	129
July, .....	220	520	427	96
August, .....	167	349	473	224
September, .....	219	304	489	142
October, .....	130	243	397	108
November, .....	118	135	441	129
December, .....	220	157	469	259
Total, .....	2,086	3,090	4,063	2,386

## (B.)

*Return of Offences reported of Prisoners fighting with or assaulting each other, or Officers,  
for the years 1889, 1890, 1891 and 1892.*

MONTH.	1889. Daily average number in Prison, 581.	1890. Daily average number in Prison, 566.	1891. Daily average number in Prison, 507.	1892. Daily average number in Prison, 515.
January, .....	1	20	12	13
February, .....	10	10	10	9
March, .....	11	10	...	16
April, .....	6	16	7	8
May, .....	5	9	5	9
June, .....	12	9	3	6
July, .....	5	6	7	5
August, .....	13	6	17	20
September, .....	7	16	...	9
October, .....	5	6	11	9
November, .....	5	7	7	5
December, .....	12	...	7	5
Total, .....	92	115	86	114

## (C.)

*Return of Offences of Prisoners having Tobacco, for the years 1889, 1890, 1891 and 1892.*

MONTH.	1889. Daily average number in Prison, 581.	1890. Daily average number in Prison, 566.	1891. Daily average number in Prison, 507.	1892. Daily average number in Prison, 515.
January, .....	32	53	17	16
February, .....	50	24	24	19
March, .....	55	21	30	46
April, .....	21	47	20	18
May, .....	45	40	16	8
June, .....	33	11	21	15
July, .....	24	47	31	23
August, .....	35	52	25	10
September, .....	51	25	26	33
October, .....	67	29	22	58
November, .....	15	28	12	36
December, .....	59	16	10	25
Total, .....	487	393	254	307

## (D.)

Comparative Return of Prisoners confined in Victoria Gaol on 31st December, 1889, 31st December, 1890,  
31st December, 1891, and 31st December, 1892.

CONVICTION.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
1st, .....	466	394	373	297
2nd, .....	59	67	50	56
3rd, .....	22	26	25	27
4th, .....	14	23	20	19
5th, .....	16	16	15	11
6th, .....	8	8	10	12
7th, .....	2	4	...	6
8th, .....	9	4	2	4
9th, .....	1	2	4	5
10th, .....	1	2	1	3
11th, .....	...	1	1	...
12th, .....	1	...	...	...
13th, .....	1	2	1	1
Total,.....	600	549	502	441

## (E.)

ABSTRACT OF INDUSTRIAL LABOUR, VICTORIA GAOL, FOR THE YEAR, 1892.

Dr.		OAKUM.		Cr.	
1892.	To Stock on hand, 1st January, 1892,	\$ 904.00	1892.	By Oakum picked for Naval Yard } during the year—Cash received, }	\$ 103.95
	„ Cost of Paper Stuff purchased } during the year,..... }	1,131.55		„ Oakum sold during the year Do., ... }	1,770.28
	Profit,.....	511.38		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, } 1892, .....	672.70
	Total,.....\$	2,546.93		Total,.....\$	2,546.93

## COIR.

1892.	To Stock on hand, 1st January, 1892,	\$ 451.00	1892.	By Matting, &c., sold during the year,	\$ 1,078.84
	„ Cost of Material purchased during } the year,..... }	299.57		„ Articles made for Gaol use,.....	48.05
	Profit,.....	637.81		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, } 1892,—	
				Manufactured Articles, ...\$122.55	
				Material,..... 138.94	261.49
	Total,.....\$	1,388.38		Total,.....\$	1,388.38

## RATTAN WORK.

1892.	To Stock on hand, 1st January, 1892,	\$ 174.50	1892.	By Articles sold during the year, .....	\$ 174.08
	„ Cost of Material purchased during } the year,..... }	78.63		„ Articles made for Gaol use,.....	15.66
	Profit,.....	3.61		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, } 1892,—	
				Manufactured Articles, ...\$ 65.00	
				Material,..... 2.00	67.00
	Total,.....\$	256.74		Total,.....\$	256.74

## NET-MAKING.

1892.	To Stock on hand, 1st January, 1892,	\$ 22.00	1892.	By Nets and Netting sold during	\$ 118.69
	„ Cost of Material purchased during	57.13		the year,.....	
	the year,.....			„ Stock on hand, 31st December,	
	Profit,.....	42.06		1892, .....	
	Total,.....\$	121.19		Total,.....\$	121.19

## TAILORING.

1892.	To Stock on hand, 1st January, 1892,	\$ 790.76	1892.	By Estimated Value of Prisoners	\$ 1,381.91
	„ Cost of Material purchased during	2,000.54		Clothing made during the year,	
	the year,.....			„ Work done for which cash was	
	Profit,.....	591.02		received, .....	
	Total,.....\$	3,382.32		„ Stock on hand, 31st December,	
				1892,—	
				Manufactured Articles, ..\$ 277.45	
				Material, ..... 1,610.62	1,888.07
	Total,.....\$	3,382.32		Total,.....\$	3,382.32

## PRINTING.

1892.	To Cost of Material purchased during	\$ 21.03	1892.	By Estimated Value of Printing done	\$ 97.44
	the year,.....			during the year,.....	
	Profit,.....	345.04		„ Work done for which cash was	
	Total,.....\$	366.07		received,.....	
				Total,.....\$	366.07

## BOOK-BINDING.

1892.	To Stock on hand, 1st January, 1892,	\$ 65.40	1892.	By Estimated Value of Book-bind-	\$ 37.66
	„ Cost of Material purchased during	130.80		ing done for Gaol during the	
	the year,.....			year, .....	
	Profit,.....	34.56		„ Work done for which cash was	
	Total,.....\$	230.76		received, .....	
				„ Stock on hand, 31st December,	
				1892,—	
				Manufactured Articles, ...\$ 5.00	
				Material, ..... 33.95	38.95
	Total,.....\$	230.76		Total,.....\$	230.76

## TIN-SMITHING.

1892.	To Stock on hand, 1st January, 1892,	\$ 1.87	1892.	By Estimated Value of Work done	\$ 31.50
	„ Cost of Material purchased during	20.69		for the Gaol during the year, ..	
	the year,.....			„ Sale of Articles and Work done	
	Profit,.....	17.37		for which cash was received, ..	
	Total,.....\$	39.93		„ Stock on hand, 31st December,	5.50
				1892, .....	
				Total,.....\$	39.93

## SHOE-MAKING.

1892.	To Stock on hand, 1st January, 1892,	\$ 54.58	1892.	By Estimated Value of new Shoes issued to Gaol Officers and Prisoners, and Repairs,.....	\$ 338.99
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	312.87		„ Sales and Repairs for which cash was received,.....	131.80
	Profit,.....	144.99		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, 1892,—	
				Manufactured Articles, ...\$27.50	
				Material, ..... 14.15	41.65
	Total,.....\$	512.44		Total,.....\$	512.44

## WASHING.

1892.	To Stock on hand, 1st January, 1892,	\$ 10.00	1892.	By Value of Washing done during the year,—Prison Clothing at one cent per piece,.....	\$ 1,290.50
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	525.56		„ Cash received for clothes washed,	20.73
	Profit,.....	780.67		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, 1892, .....	5.00
	Total,.....\$	1,316.23		Total,.....\$	1,316.23

## CARPENTERING.

1892.	To Stock on hand, 1st January, 1892,	\$ 47.50	1892.	By Estimated value of Articles made for Gaol use during the year,...	\$ 114.96
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	167.03		„ Sales and Repairs for which cash was received,.....	68.75
	Profit,.....	4.26		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, 1892,—	
				Manufactured Articles, ...\$14.24	
				Material, ..... 20.84	35.08
	Total,.....\$	218.79		Total,.....\$	218.79

## GRASS MAT-MAKING.

1892.	To Stock on hand, 1st January, 1892,	\$ 20.70	1892.	By Estimated value of Matting made for Gaol use during the year,...	\$ 9.00
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	102.91		„ Matting sold for which cash was received, .....	115.98
	Profit,.....	9.77		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, 1892, .....	8.40
	Total,.....\$	133.38		Total,.....\$	133.38

## RECAPITULATION.

1892.	Oakum, .....	\$ 511.38	1892.	By Surplus, .....	\$ 3,122.54
	Coir, .....	637.81			
	Rattan Work, .....	3.61			
	Net-making, .....	42.06			
	Tailoring, .....	591.02			
	Printing, .....	345.04			
	Book-binding, .....	34.56			
	Tin-smithing, .....	17.37			
	Shoe-making, .....	144.99			
	Washing, .....	780.67			
	Carpentering, .....	4.26			
	Grass Mat-making,.....	9.77			
	Total,.....\$	3,122.54		Total,.....\$	3,122.54

Profit,.....\$3,122.54.