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1.—Shipping.

1. The total of the Shipping entering and clearing at Ports in the Colony during the year 1907 shows an increase of 77,908 vessels of 3,281,042 tons when compared with the corresponding figures for 1906. The greater part of this is due to internal traffic—"steamships not exceeding 60 tons plying within the waters of the Colony". If local trade be eliminated, it is found that the remaining figures show the respectable increase of 3,110 vessels of 379,814 tons.

This increase is distributed as follows:—

- British Ocean-going vessels 59 ships of 26,698 tons.
- Foreign Ocean-going vessels 334 ships of 627,380 tons.
- British River steamers 364 ships with a decrease in tonnage of 212,137 tons.
- Foreign River steamers 239 ships of 76,075 tons.
- Steamships not exceeding 60 tons 703 ships of 29,739 tons.
- Junks in foreign trade, 1,411 vessels of 32,059 tons.

The actual figures of arrivals and departures are as follows :—

FOREIGN TRADE.

Of British Ocean-going,.....	1,876 arrivals	of	3,605,941 tons.	
	1,880 departures	„	3,610,228	„
Of Foreign Ocean-going,	2,306 arrivals	„	3,861,570	„
	2,315 departures	„	3,859,305	„
Of British River steamers,.....	3,412 arrivals	„	2,316,889	„
	3,416 departures	„	2,313,475	„
Of Foreign River steamers,	655 arrivals	„	371,996	„
	655 departures	„	371,996	„
Of Steamships not exceeding 60 tons,	791 arrivals	„	3,015	„
	790 departures	„	3,006	„
Of Junks in Foreign Trade,	14,782 arrivals	„	1,320,892	„
	14,782 departures	„	1,330,578	„
Making a total in Foreign Trade of,	23,822 arrivals	„	11,512,303	„ and
	23,838 departures	„	11,520,588	„

LOCAL TRADE.

Of Steamships not exceeding 60 tons,	209,601 arrivals	of	5,608,266 tons.	
	209,601 departures	„	5,608,266	„
Of Junks in Local Trade,	20,820 arrivals	„	892,818	„
	19,952 departures	„	586,069	„
Making a total in Local Trade of,...	230,421 arrivals	„	6,501,084	„
	229,553 departures	„	6,494,335	„
or a grand total of,.....	254,243 arrivals	„	18,013,387	„ and
	253,391 departures	„	18,014,923	„

Thus in Foreign Trade :—

British Ocean-going vessels represented,	31.4 %
Foreign Ocean-going vessels represented,.....	33.5 %
British River steamers represented,	20.1 %
Foreign River steamers represented,	3.2 %
Steamships not exceeding 60 tons represented,	0.3 %
Junks, represented,	11.5 %
	<u>100.0 %</u>

While in Local Trade :—

Steamships not exceeding 60 tons represented,	86.3 %
Junks represented,.....	13.7 %
	<u>100.0 %</u>

The movements of the "Star" Co.'s vessels, of private Steam-launches and of Fishing Junks do not appear in the above figures.

2. Eight thousand two hundred and thirty-nine (8,239) steamers, 10 sailing ships and 791 steamships not exceeding 60 tons, in foreign trade, entered during the year, giving an average daily entry of 24.77 European constructed foreign-going ships, as compared with 22.5 in 1906.

3. The average tonnage of Ocean-going vessels entered has increased slightly, from 1,784.9 to 1,785.6 tons, while that of River steamers has declined from 734 to 661 tons. The British Ocean average has decreased from 1,945 to 1,921 tons. The Foreign Ocean average has increased from 1,654 to 1,670 tons. The British River steamer average has declined from 749 to 678 tons and the Foreign River steamer average has declined from 623 to 567 tons.

4. A comparison between the years 1906 and 1907 is given in the following table :—

	1906.		1907.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.
British Ocean-going.....	3,697	7,189,471	3,756	7,216,169	59	26,698	...	...
Foreign Ocean-going.....	4,287	7,093,465	4,621	7,720,875	334	627,380	...	...
British River Steamers.....	6,464	4,842,501	6,828	4,630,361	364	...	...	212,137
Foreign River Steamers.....	1,071	667,917	1,310	743,992	239	76,075	...	...
Steamships under 60 tons (Foreign Trade).....	878	49,282	1,581	70,021	703	29,739	...	...
Junks in Foreign Trade.....	28,133	2,619,411	29,564	2,651,470	1,431	32,059	...	...
Total.....	44,550	22,453,077	47,660	23,032,891	3,110	791,951	...	212,137
Steam-launches plying in waters of the Colony.....	333,560	8,251,536	419,202	11,216,532	85,642	2,964,996	...	...
Junks in Local Trade.....	* 51,616	* 2,042,655	† 40,772	† 1,778,887	...	...	10,844	263,768
Grand Total.....	429,726	32,747,268	467,634	36,028,310	88,752	3,756,947	10,844	475,905
NETT.....					77,908	3,281,042	...	...

* Including 23,430 Conservancy and Dust Boats of 858,746 tons.

† Including 18,090 Conservancy and Dust Boats of 820,958 tons.

5. For Ocean vessels under the British flag, this table shows an increase of 59 ships of 26,698 tons.

In British River steamers there is an increase of 364 ships with a decreased tonnage of 212,137 tons, which is mainly due to the withdrawal of the large sized steamer *Hankow* and the addition of the two small Macao steamers *Sui Tai* and *Sui An*.

For Foreign Ocean vessels an increase of 334 ships of 627,380 tons is shown, which is wholly due to the Japanese firms increasing their carrying trade. Under this flag, an increase of 455 ships of 976,450 tons is found, with a general falling off under other flags.

For Foreign River steamers an increase of 238 ships of 76,075 tons is shown, which can be accounted for, by vessels under the German, Chinese and Portuguese flags making more trips in 1907 than in 1906.

Junks in foreign trade show a legitimate increase of 1,411 vessels of 32,059 tons.

The decrease in local Junk trade, 10,844 vessels of 263,768 tons may be ascribed to the cessation of the Naval extension work and to the falling off in Conservancy boats.

6. The actual number of individual Ocean-going ships of European construction entering during the year was 800, being 362 British and 438 Foreign.

These 800 ships aggregated 1,860,245 tons. They entered 4,182 times and gave a collective tonnage of 7,467,511 tons. Thus, compared with 1906, 70 less ships of 73,514 less tons, entered 170 more times and gave a collective tonnage increased by 306,183 tons.

Flag.	Steamers.		No. of Times entered.		Total Tonnage.	
	1906.	1907.	1906.	1907.	1906.	1907.
British,	413	355	1,846	1,867	3,580,508	3,586,510
Austrian,	10	9	27	30	100,929	106,523
Belgian, .....	...	1	...	1	...	2,903
Chinese,	21	20	203	214	251,400	267,789
Corean,	2	2	15	14	30,798	21,298
Danish,	9	9	18	21	40,734	41,122
Dutch,	18	18	64	69	130,864	142,100
French,	41	33	218	202	324,668	294,461
German,	143	137	846	790	1,343,420	1,246,053
Italian,	2	3	12	12	33,012	31,704
Japanese,	68	111	298	534	640,715	1,126,517
Norwegian,	80	59	279	290	289,857	265,728
Portuguese,	7	2	74	59	13,181	19,128
Russian,	11	10	13	13	31,129	30,912
Swedish,	4	3	27	11	24,800	12,970
United States,	28	20	57	45	299,079	251,590
No Flag,	1	...	1	...	178	...
Total,	858	792	3,998	4,172	7,135,272	7,448,008

Flag.	Sailing Vessels.		No. of Times entered.		Total Tonnage.	
	1906.	1907.	1906.	1907.	1906.	1907.
British,	4	7	6	9	15,371	19,431
German,	1	...	1	...	1,880	...
United States,	6	1	6	1	8,333	72
No Flag,	1	...	1	...	472	...
Total,	12	8	14	10	26,056	19,503

OCEAN SHIPPING 1907: 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER.

No. of Entries.	British.				Foreign.				Total.			
	No.	Voyages.	Tons.	Total Tons.	No.	Voyages.	Tons.	Total Tons.	No.	Voyages.	Tons.	Total Tons.
1	98	98	272,856	272,856	119	119	228,744	228,744	217	217	501,600	501,600
2	77	154	222,384	444,768	81	162	198,370	396,740	158	316	420,754	841,508
3	50	150	156,968	470,904	32	96	75,044	225,132	82	246	232,012	696,036
4	19	76	62,331	249,324	49	196	171,126	684,504	68	272	233,457	933,828
5	12	60	26,772	133,860	28	140	80,687	403,435	40	200	107,459	537,295
6	9	54	20,746	124,476	22	132	52,419	314,514	31	186	73,165	438,990
7	15	105	26,394	184,758	11	77	19,147	134,029	26	182	45,541	318,787
8	14	112	24,418	195,344	13	104	24,969	199,752	27	216	49,387	395,096
9	16	144	37,958	341,622	15	135	20,207	181,863	31	279	58,165	523,485
10	6	60	9,821	98,210	12	120	12,547	125,470	18	180	22,368	223,680
11	4	44	5,954	65,494	16	176	16,563	182,193	20	220	22,517	247,687
12	5	60	6,125	73,500	3	36	3,364	40,368	8	96	9,489	113,868
13	1	13	1,424	18,512	1	13	997	12,961	2	26	2,421	31,473
14	1	14	1,562	21,868	4	56	5,077	71,078	5	70	6,639	92,946
15	...	...	...	...	2	30	2,163	32,445	2	30	2,163	32,445
16	6	96	6,811	108,976	3	48	2,560	40,960	9	144	9,371	149,936
17	...	...	...	...	1	17	838	14,246	1	17	838	14,246
18	1	18	1,044	18,792	1	18	999	17,982	2	36	2,043	36,774
19	1	19	1,047	19,893	3	57	2,250	42,750	4	76	3,297	62,643
20	1	20	1,143	22,860	2	40	2,097	41,940	3	60	3,240	64,800
21	...	...	...	...	1	21	891	18,711	1	21	891	18,711
23	...	...	...	...	2	46	1,588	36,524	2	46	1,588	36,524
24	1	24	1,199	28,776	3	72	2,374	56,976	4	96	3,573	85,752
25	1	25	1,350	33,750	3	75	1,864	46,600	4	100	3,214	80,350
26	6	156	8,021	208,546	2	52	1,441	37,466	8	208	9,462	246,012
27	2	54	2,471	66,717	1	27	1,090	29,430	3	81	3,561	96,147
28	...	...	...	...	1	28	739	20,692	1	28	739	20,692
29	...	...	...	...	1	29	377	10,933	1	29	377	10,933
32	2	64	2,780	88,960	...	...	...	...	2	64	2,780	88,960
33	2	66	2,450	80,850	...	...	...	...	2	66	2,450	80,850
34	1	34	1,428	48,552	1	34	217	7,378	2	68	1,645	55,930
36	1	36	1,307	47,052	2	72	2,807	101,052	3	108	4,114	148,104
37	3	111	3,170	117,290	...	...	...	...	3	111	3,170	117,290
38	...	...	...	...	1	38	1,177	44,726	1	38	1,177	44,726
39	...	...	...	...	1	39	1,536	59,904	1	39	1,536	59,904
	355	1,867	909,934	3,586,510	437	2,305	936,269	3,861,498	792	4,172	1,846,203	7,448,008

SAILING VESSELS.

1	5	5	8,509	8,509	1	1	72	72	6	6	8,581	8,581
2	2	4	5,461	10,922	...	...	...	...	2	4	5,461	10,922
	7	9	13,970	19,431	1	1	72	72	8	10	14,042	19,503
Total,	362	1,876	923,904	3,605,941	438	2,306	936,341	3,861,570	800	4,182	1,860,245	7,467,511

7. The 362 British vessels carried 3,244 British Officers and 14 Foreign Officers, as follows:—

British,	3,244
Danish,	2
Dutch,	2
Norwegian,	4
United States,	6
Total,	<u>3,258</u>

Thus, the proportion of Foreign Officers serving in British vessels was 0.44 %, comprising 4 nationalities. A decrease of 0.41 % with a decrease in number of Officers and ships.

The 438 Foreign vessels carried 3,304 Officers, of whom 152 were British, as follows :—

In Chinese vessels,	64
„ Dutch „	6
„ French „	3
„ German „	3
„ Japanese „	58
„ United States vessels,	18
Total,	<u>152</u>

Thus, 4.6 % of the Officers serving in Foreign vessels visiting the Port were of British nationality. A decrease of 0.43 % with a decrease in number of ships and of Officers therein.

8. The 362 British vessels carried, as Crews, 22,976 British, 638 other Europeans and Americans and 115,308 Asiatics ; while the 438 Foreign vessels carried 1,699 British, 29,721 other Europeans and Americans and 115,474 Asiatics.

Hence in British vessels :—

16.5 % of the crews were British.
 0.5 % of the crews were Other Europeans.
 83.0 % of the crews were Asiatics.

And in Foreign vessels :—

1.2 % of the crews were British.
 20.2 % of the crews were Other Europeans.
 78.6 % of the crews were Asiatics.

2.—Trade.

9. The figures given in previous years under this heading have, as pointed out annually been based upon information which can only be characterised as unsatisfactory and the result as erroneous and misleading. As it is obvious that such returns have no value, it has been decided to discontinue them in the form they have hitherto taken, but the aggregates of the reports received are shown, for purposes of comparison, in round numbers. These include imports of Sugar and imports and exports of Opium, of which accurate returns are rendered under the heading “Import and Export Office”.

10. The returns in this form show increase of about 360,000 tons in Imports, of about 191,000 tons in Exports and of about 518,000 tons in Transit Cargo.

11. The total reported Import and Transit trade of the Port for 1907 amounted to 23,819 vessels of 11,512,223 tons carrying about 8,237,000 tons of Cargo of which about 4,841,000 tons were discharged at Hongkong.

COUNTRY.	SHIPS.	TONS.	CARGO.	
			IMPORT.	TRANSIT.
CLASS I.				
Canada,	22	67,311	10,000	3,000
Continent of Europe,	163	551,819	113,000	548,000
Great Britain,	185	630,855	225,000	746,000
Mauritius,	2	2,120	2,000	...
North America,	9	8,239	...	...
South Africa,	2	5,841	...	...
South America,	9	23,226	1,000	...
United States of America, ...	160	667,441	250,000	234,000
	552	1,956,852	601,000	1,531,000
CLASS II.				
Australia and New Zealand, ..	81	173,471	128,000	40,000
India and Straits Settlements, ..	216	547,750	366,000	415,000
Japan,	588	1,572,162	934,000	664,000
Java and Indian Archipelago, ..	129	215,906	192,000	138,000
North Pacific,	1	769	...	...
Russia-in-Asia,	8	16,617	6,000	9,000
	1,023	2,526,675	1,626,000	1,266,000
CLASS III.				
North Borneo,	38	55,492	89,000	3,000
Coast of China,	1,212	1,568,197	292,000	437,000
Cochin-China,	298	351,040	539,000	58,000
Formosa,	86	78,473	21,000	7,000
Philippine Islands,	215	271,824	104,000	4,000
Hainan and Gulf of Tonkin, ..	391	333,054	307,000	75,000
Siam,	251	267,198	419,000	3,000
Kwong-chow-wan,	65	24,315	4,000	...
Macao,	33	16,030	1,000	...
Port Arthur,	15	15,614	9,000	12,000
Tsingtau,	3	2,747	2,000	...
	2,607	2,983,984	1,787,000	599,000
CLASS IV.				
River Steamers,	4,067	2,688,885	352,000	...
CLASS V.				
Steamships under 60 tons, ...	788	34,935	2,000	...
CLASS VI.				
Junks,	14,782	1,320,892	473,000	...
TOTAL,	23,819	11,512,223	4,841,000	3,396,000

12. Similarly, the Export trade of the Port was represented by 23,841 vessels of 11,520,668 tons, carrying about 3,049,000 tons of Cargo, and shipping about 729,000 tons of Bunker Coal.

COUNTRY.	SHIPS.	Tons.	CARGO.	
			Export.	Bunker Coal.
CLASS I.				
Canada,	37	115,961	21,000	1,000
Continent of Europe,	99	484,078	44,000	26,000
Great Britain,	104	330,852	66,000	3,000
Mauritius,	2	1,943	1,000	2,000
North America, .....	...	...	...	...
South Africa,	9	18,856	4,000	1,000
South America,	10	19,386	9,000	1,000
United States of America, ...	75	360,355	102,000	4,000
	336	1,331,431	247,000	38,000
CLASS II.				
Australia and New Zealand, ..	61	168,166	19,000	15,000
India and Straits Settlements, ..	402	524,356	220,000	46,000
Japan,	321	819,227	179,000	35,000
Java and Indian Archipelago, ..	81	172,020	29,000	27,000
North Pacific, .....	...	...	...	...
Russia-in-Asia,	8	16,844	5,000	1,000
South Pacific, .....	...	...	...	...
	873	1,700,613	452,000	124,000
CLASS III.				
Kwong-chow-wan,	122	54,003	15,000	18,000
North Borneo,	30	44,368	4,000	6,000
Coast of China,	1,706	2,861,527	996,000	264,000
Cochin-China,	357	457,881	51,000	84,000
Formosa,	24	71,686	22,000	3,000
Hainan and Gulf of Tonkin, ...	435	421,705	80,000	57,000
Kiaochow, .....	...	...	...	...
Macao,	9	4,109	1,000	1,000
Philippine Islands,	227	340,410	153,000	54,000
Siam,	74	76,182	27,000	22,000
Weihaiwei, .....	...	...	...	...
Port Arthur,	2	5,618	...	1,000
	2,986	4,337,489	1,349,000	510,000
CLASS IV.				
River Steamers,	4,071	2,685,471	307,000	53,000
CLASS V.				
Steamships under 60 tons, ...	793	35,086	63,000	4,000
CLASS VI.				
Junks,	14,782	1,430,578	691,000	...
TOTAL,	23,841	11,520,668	3,049,000	729,000

13. During the year 1907, 16,515 vessels of European and American construction of 20,311,400 tons (net register), reported having carried about 10,842,000 tons of Cargo, as follows :—

Import Cargo,	4,366,000 tons.
Export Cargo,	2,355,000 „
Transit Cargo,	3,396,000 „
Bunker Coal shipped,	725,000 „
	<u>10,842,000 tons.</u>

14. The number and tonnage of European and American constructed vessels importing cargo as tabulated and in transit compared with the previous year was as follows :—

	1906.		1907.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Steamers,	3,998	7,135,272	4,172	7,448,008	174	312,736	...	...
River Steamers,.....	3,774	2,759,792	4,067	2,688,885	293	...	...	70,907
Sailing Vessels,.....	14	26,056	10	19,503	...	...	4	6,553
Total,.....	7,786	9,921,120	8,249	10,156,396	467	312,736	4	77,460
				Nett,	463	235,276	...	...
Imported tons,	4,029,177		4,366,000					

15. The number and tonnage of European and American constructed vessels exporting cargo as shown and Bunker Coal compared with the previous year was as follows :—

	1906.		1907.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Steamers,	3,961	7,101,179	4,183	7,444,856	222	343,677	...	...
River Steamers,.....	3,761	2,750,626	4,071	2,685,471	310	...	...	65,155
Sailing Vessels,.....	11	20,459	12	24,677	1	4,218	...	...
Total,	7,733	9,872,264	8,266	10,155,004	533	347,895	...	65,155
				Nett,.....	533	282,740	...	...
Exported tons,	2,163,344		3,355,000					
	Strs.	Bunker Coal.	Strs.	Bunker Coal.	Strs.	Bunker Coal.	Strs.	Bunker Coal.
Steamers,	3,961	635,611	4,183	672,000	222	36,389	...	...
River Steamers,.....	3,761	53,156	4,071	53,000	310	...	...	156
Total,.....	7,722	688,767	8,254	725,000	532	36,389	...	156
				Nett,.....	532	36,233	...	...

16. The River trade in Imports, Exports and Passengers compared with the previous year was as follows :—

Year.	Imports.	Exports.	Passengers.
1906,	284,890	223,070	2,561,972
1907,	351,000	370,000	2,225,982

17. The following shows the Junk trade of the Colony for the year :—

IMPORTS.

Foreign Trade,	14,782 junks measuring	.....1,320,892 tons.
Local Trade,	20,820 " " "	..... 892,818 "
Total,	<u>35,602</u> " " "	.....<u>2,213,710</u> "

Imported,665,000 tons.

EXPORTS.

Foreign Trade,	14,782 junks measuring	.....1,330,578 tons.
Local Trade,	19,952 " " "	..... 886,069 "
Total,	<u>34,734</u> " " "	.....<u>2,216,647</u> "

Exported,897,000 tons.

18. The All Classes Passenger and Emigrant returns show the figures as below which are compared with those of the previous year :—

PASSENGERS.

	1906.	1907.	Increase.	Decrease.
British Vessels, arrivals ...	169,889	171,374	1,485	...
Do., departures, ..	100,701	96,887	...	3,814
Do., emigrants, .	63,830	78,576	14,746	...
Total,	334,420	346,837	16,231	3,814
Nett,			12,417	...
Foreign Vessels, arrivals,...	102,738	104,769	2,031	...
Do., departures, ..	100,811	102,443	1,632	...
Do., emigrants, .	12,895	27,391	14,496	...
Total,	216,444	234,603	18,159	...
Nett,			18,159	...
River Steamers, arrivals,...	1,281,365	1,119,056	...	162,309
Do., departures, ..	1,280,607	1,106,926	...	173,681
Total,	2,561,972	2,225,982	...	335,990
Nett, .....			...	335,990

PASSENGERS,—Continued.

	1906.	1907.	Increase.	Decrease.
Junks, Foreign Trade, } arrivals,...	38,725	55,199	16,474	...
Do., departures,.	36,482	48,634	12,152	...
Total,.....	75,207	103,833	28,626	...
Nett,			28,626	...
Total Arrivals,	1,592,717	1,450,398	...	142,319
„ Departures,	1,518,601	1,354,890	...	163,711
„ Emigrants,	76,725	105,967	29,242	...
Total,.....	3,188,043	2,911,255	29,242	306,030
Nett,.....			...	276,788
Diff. of Arrivals and Dep.,	74,116	95,508	...	...
„ Emigrants,.....	76,725	105,967	...	...
Remainder + or —	— 2,609	— 10,459	...	...
Nett,.....			...	...
Junks, Local Trade, } arrivals,...	56,119	64,071	7,952	...
Do., departures,...	61,004	62,103	1,099	...
Total,.....	117,123	126,174	9,051	...
Nett,.....			9,051	...

19. The following table summarises the foregoing information with regard to the trade of the Ports of Hongkong for the year 1907 :—

	No. of Ships.	Tons.					Passengers.		Emigrants.	
		Dis-charged.	Shipped.	In Transit.	Bunker Coal shipped.	Total.	Registered Tonnage.	Arrived.		Departed.
British Ocean-going,	3,756	1,764,000	1,154,000	1,839,000	250,000	5,007,000	7,216,169	171,374	96,887	78,576
Foreign Ocean-going,	4,621	2,250,000	894,000	1,557,000	422,000	5,123,600	7,720,875	104,769	102,443	27,391
British River Steamers, ...	6,828	259,000	222,000	...	42,000	523,000	4,630,364	1,031,118	1,017,553	...
Foreign River Steamers,...	1,310	93,000	85,000	...	11,000	189,000	743,992	87,938	89,373	...
Total,.....	16,515	4,366,000	2,355,000	3,396,000	725,000	10,842,600	20,311,400	1,395,199	1,366,256	105,967
Steam-ships under 60 tons, Foreign Trade, ... }	1,581	2,000	3,000	...	4,000	9,000	70,021	11,477	11,432	...
Junks, Foreign Trade,	29,564	473,000	691,000	...	...	1,164,000	2,651,470	55,199	48,634	...
Total Foreign Trade, ...	47,660	4,841,000	3,049,000	3,396,000	729,000	12,015,000	23,032,891	1,461,875	1,366,322	105,967
Steam-Launches, Local Trade,	* 419,202	...	1,000	...	30,000	31,000	11,216,532	4,531,923	3,871,318	...
Junks, Local Trade,.....	40,772	192,000	206,000	...	...	398,000	1,778,887	64,071	62,103	...
Total Local Trade,	459,974	192,000	207,000	...	30,000	429,000	12,995,419	4,595,994	3,933,421	...
Grand Total,.....	507,634	5,033,000	3,256,000	3,396,000	759,000	12,444,000	36,028,310	6,057,869	5,299,743	105,967

* Not including "Star Ferry" Company's Craft.

3.—Revenue and Expenditure.

20. The total Revenue collected by the Harbour Department during the year was \$348,300.10 as against \$298,106.88 (including \$24,098.10 collected by the Registrar General's Department for Boat Licences, the issuing of which was transferred to this Department from the 1st January, 1907), collected in the previous year, showing an increase of \$50,193.22 :—

1. Light Dues,	\$ 81,389.00
2. Licences and Internal Revenue,	116,122.40
3. Fees of Court and Office,	151,746.30
4. Miscellaneous Receipts,	42.40
	Total,
	\$348,300.10

The principal increases are under Junk Licences, \$18,704.12; Boat Licences, \$9,407.60; Sunday Cargo-working Permits, \$9,852.50; Medical examination of emigrants, \$7,323.00; Light Dues, \$2,666.96; Fines, \$1,980.50; Survey of Steamships, \$1,947.01; Steam-launch Licences, &c., \$662.75; Survey of Steam-launches, \$525.00; Fees for Storage of Gunpowder, &c., \$499.53; and Chinese Passenger Ships Licences, \$345.00. The falling off in Revenue comes under the headings: Fishing Stake and Station Licences, \$719.00; Engagement and Discharge of Seamen, \$328.20; Sale of Printed Forms, \$273.25; and Pilots' Licences, \$105.00. Fees for Cargo-boat Certificates amounting to \$2,951.00 in 1906 have been merged in Fees for Cargo-boat Licences since 1st January, 1907.

21. The expenditure of the Harbour Department for 1907 was \$160,383.08 including \$3,715.60 specially expended on Fairway Buoys and Lights but not including Crown Agents' December Account paid this year.

4.—Steam-launches.

22. On the 31st December, there were 285 Steam-launches employed in the Harbour, of these, 137 were licensed for conveyance of passengers, &c., 129 were privately owned, 15 were the property of the Government and 4 belonged to the Imperial Government in charge of Military Authorities.

Fourteen Master's Certificates were suspended, 1 for 6 months, 2 for 3 months, 5 for 2 months, 5 for 1 month and 1 for 2 weeks; 2 Certificates were cancelled, 1 Master and 1 Engineer; 1 Master was cautioned and 5 discharged.

Five hundred and seventy-four (574) engagements and four hundred and sixty-one (461) discharges of Masters and Engineers were made from 1st January to 31st December.

Seven (7) Steam-launches were permitted to carry Arms, &c., for their protection against pirates, of these 6 were previously permitted and one during the year.

5.—Emigration and Immigration.

23. One hundred and five thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven (105,967) emigrants left Hongkong for various places, during the year, of these 78,576 were carried in British ships and 27,391 in Foreign ships. The year 1907 has been proved to be the record year in the history of Colony for the numbers of emigrants shipped, as the annexed table shows.

One hundred and forty-five thousand eight hundred and twenty-two (145,822) immigrants were reported as having been brought to Hongkong from the several places to which they had emigrated, either from this Colony or from Coast Ports. This includes 905 returning from South Africa. Of the total number 112,742 arrived in British ships and 33,080 in Foreign ships.

6.—Registry, &c., of Shipping.

24. During the year, 36 ships were registered under the provisions of the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, and 12 Certificates of Registry were cancelled.

The documents, &c., dealt with in connection with the Imperial Shipping Act were as follows:—

Number of Certificates of Registry granted,.....	36
Number of Certificates of Registry cancelled,	12
Number of copies from Register Book,.....	2
Number of Declarations of Ownership,.....	36
Number of endorsements on Certificates of Registry of change of Masters,	68
Number of endorsements on Certificates of Registry of change of Owners,	2
Number of Mortgages recorded,	5
Number of Discharge of Mortgages recorded,	4
Number of endorsements on Register of change in Rig or Tonnage,	2
Number of Sales of ships recorded,	5
Number of Desertions certified,.....	86
Number of inspections of Registry,	13
	271
Total Number of Documents, &c.,	271

The fees collected on these Documents, &c., amounted to \$1,309.

7.—Marine Magistrate's Court.

25. One hundred and forty-five (145) cases were heard in the Marine Magistrate's Court, breach of Harbour Regulations, Disobeying lawful orders of the Harbour Master, Neglecting to exhibit lights, Using steam-whistles for other purposes than that of navigation and Carrying excess of passengers were the principal offences.

8.—Marine Court.

(Under Section 19 of Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.)

26. The following Court has been held during the year:—

On the 8th and 10th July, inquiry into the circumstances attending the Collision between the British Steamship *Heung Shan*, Official No. 95,855 of Hongkong, REGINALD DOWSETT THOMAS, number of whose Certificate of Competency is 1,010, Master, and the Licensed Steam-launch *Fook On*, LI MUK, Certificate No. 1,758, Master. The Officers of the *Heung Shan* were acquitted from all blame and the Master of the *Fook On* was found guilty of an error of judgment.

9.—Examination of Masters, Mates, and Engineers.

27. The following Tables show number of Candidates examined for Certificates of Competency, distinguishing those who were successful and those who failed:—

(Under Section 4 of Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.)

Grade.	Passed.	Failed.
Master,	18	6
Master, River Steamer,.....	...	...
First Mate,	13	4
Only Mate, .....	...	...
Second Mate,	7	4
Total,	38	14
First Class Engineer,.....	33	7
Second Class Engineer,.....	47	9
Total,	80	16

(Under Section 37 s.s. (7) of Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.)

Candidates.	Passed.	Failed.
For Master,.....	55	9
For Engineer,.....	76	6
Total,	131	15

10.—Examination of Pilots.

(Under Ordinance No. 3 of 1904.)

28. No examinations for Pilots' Certificates were held during the year.

No Pilots' Licences were issued, 16 Licences were renewed.

11.—Sunday Cargo Working.

(Ordinance No. 1 of 1891.)

29. During the year, 348 permits were issued, under the provisions of the Ordinance. Of these, 106 were not availed of owing to its being found unnecessary for the ship to work cargo on Sunday and the fee paid for the permit was refunded in each case.

The Revenue collected each year since the Ordinance came into force is as follows :—

1892,	\$ 4,800
1893,	7,900
1894,	13,375
1895,	11,600
1896,	7,575
1897,	11,850
1898,	25,925
1899,	21,825
1900,	43,550
1901,	44,800
1902,	44,175
1903,	34,800
1904,	37,625
1905,	43,475
1906,	31,397.50
1907,	41,250

12.—New Territories.

(Ninth year of British Administration.)

30. The Station at the Island of Cheung Chau was opened in September, the one at Tai O in the Island of Lantau, in October of 1899, that at Tai Po in Mirs Bay, on board the Police steam-launch, in January 1900, that in Deep Bay, on board the Police steam-launch, in November, 1901, that at Sai Kung in April, 1902, and that at Long Ket, on board the Police steam-launch, in April 1905.

From 1st January to 31st December, 1907, 7,200 Licences, Port Clearances, Permits, &c., were issued at Cheung Chau, 3,622 at Tai O, 6,365 at Tai Po, 5,255 at Deep Bay, 2,413 at Sai Kung and 4,101 at Long Ket.

The Revenue collected by this Department from the New Territories during 1907, was \$20,910.00 or \$1,965.75 more than in 1906.

13.—Commercial Intelligence, Board of Trade.

31. Fifty-two (52) letters were received during the year from firms, principally in Great Britain, requesting information upon various points connected with their respective businesses, asking to be placed in communication with local firms, or submitting samples or price lists. The replies to the several queries have been as full as the information, &c., at my disposal permitted, and, wherever necessary, the name of the firm concerned, and the particular branch of trade indicated, have been published, from time to time, in the *Government Gazette*.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

HARBOUR OFFICE,
18th February, 1908.

Table V.

NUMBER, TONNAGE and CREWS of Vessels of each Nation ENTERED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong, in the Year 1907.

NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.	ENTERED.								
	WITH CARGOES.			IN BALLAST.			TOTAL.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.
British,	5,050	5,588,545	257,192	238	334,285	14,098	5,288	5,922,830	271,290
American,	42	248,668	7,798	4	2,194	138	46	251,662	7,936
Austrian,	30	106,523	1,814	...	...	...	30	106,523	1,814
Belgian,	1	2,903	51	...	...	...	1	2,903	51
Corean,	13	21,189	519	1	809	29	14	21,998	548
Chinese,	337	275,731	18,299	28	24,583	1,534	365	300,314	19,833
Chinese Junks,	9,536	786,906	104,463	5,246	533,986	63,880	14,782	1,320,892	168,343
Danish,	16	40,397	644	5	725	175	21	41,122	819
Dutch,	58	129,895	3,881	11	12,205	387	69	142,100	4,268
French,	489	583,748	22,309	10	8,010	441	499	591,758	22,750
German,	785	1,190,575	47,544	77	75,782	3,032	862	1,266,357	50,576
Italian,	12	31,704	1,155	...	...	...	12	31,704	1,155
Japanese,	496	1,083,545	35,688	38	42,972	1,725	534	1,126,517	37,413
Norwegian,	223	215,041	7,662	67	50,687	1,878	290	265,728	9,540
Portuguese,	56	18,224	2,273	138	22,774	1,609	194	40,998	3,882
Russian,	10	22,760	587	3	8,152	163	13	30,912	750
Swedish,	11	12,970	320	...	...	...	11	12,970	320
No Flag, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Steam-ships under 60 tons trading to Ports outside the Colony,	260	15,101	5,720	528	19,834	6,142	788	34,935	11,862
TOTAL,	17,425	10,374,425	517,919	6,394	1,137,798	95,213	23,819	11,512,223	613,150

Table VI.

NUMBER, TONNAGE and CREWS of Vessels of each Nation CLEARED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong, in the Year 1907.

NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.	CLEARED.								
	WITH CARGOES.			IN BALLAST.			TOTAL.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.
British,	5,055	5,535,097	321,419	241	388,606	13,547	5,296	5,923,703	334,966
American,	39	248,571	7,853	4	3,632	176	43	252,203	8,029
Austrian,	30	104,136	1,662	...	...	...	30	104,136	1,662
Belgian, .....	...	...	...	1	2,903	59	31	2,903	59
Corean,	3	3,761	105	11	18,237	469	14	21,998	574
Chinese,	341	277,420	15,521	20	5,722	339	361	283,142	15,860
Chinese Junks,	9,682	998,260	227,528	5,100	442,318	52,197	14,782	1,430,578	279,725
Danish,	17	35,003	358	4	580	311	21	35,583	669
Dutch,	57	127,355	3,792	12	19,198	567	69	146,553	4,359
French,	483	361,644	14,490	19	17,083	144	502	578,727	14,634
German,	630	1,075,252	35,921	235	274,852	10,145	865	1,350,104	46,066
Italian,	12	31,704	1,225	...	...	...	12	31,704	1,225
Japanese,	429	799,249	27,504	106	150,924	5,794	535	950,173	33,298
Norwegian,	185	174,127	6,909	106	91,743	2,910	291	265,870	9,819
Portuguese,	60	20,043	1,173	134	42,647	1,236	194	62,690	2,409
Russian,	10	23,304	603	3	5,786	144	13	29,090	747
Swedish,	8	10,294	254	5	4,663	147	13	14,957	401
No Flag, .....	...	...	...	6	1,468	44	6	1,468	44
Steam-ships under 60 tons trading to Ports outside the Colony,	656	29,808	10,804	137	5,278	1,106	793	35,086	11,910
TOTAL,	17,697	10,045,028	677,121	6,144	1,475,640	89,335	23,841	11,520,668	766,456

Table VII.

Total Number, Tonnage, Crews and Passengers of Junks ENTERED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong from Ports on the Coast of China and Macao, during the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

	CARGO.				BALLAST.				TOTAL.			
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.
East Coast,.....	682	42,570	5,788	36	95	4,524	981	...	777	47,094	6,769	36
San On District, West River, &c.,	8,399	681,844	93,185	14,283	4,757	497,784	57,848	40,846	13,156	1,179,628	151,033	55,129
West Coast,	113	7,043	908	29	69	4,753	800	3	182	12,791	1,708	32
Macao,	342	55,449	4,582	...	325	25,930	4,251	2	667	81,379	8,833	2
Total,...	9,536	786,906	104,463	14,348	5,246	533,986	63,880	40,851	14,782	1,320,892	168,343	55,199

Table VIII.

Total Number, Tonnage, Crews and Passengers of Junks CLEARED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong for Ports on the Coast of China and Macao, during the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

	CARGO.				BALLAST.				TOTAL.			
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.
East Coast,.....	514	27,066	4,273	16	401	33,116	4,294	23	914	60,182	8,567	39
San On District, West River, &c.,	8,395	849,860	113,452	24,076	4,694	334,260	46,160	24,355	13,089	1,184,120	159,612	48,431
West Coast,	64	5,022	709	8	71	4,409	606	143	135	9,431	1,315	151
Macao,.....	566	71,810	7,716	2	78	5,035	890	11	644	76,845	8,606	13
Total,...	9,539	953,758	126,150	24,102	5,243	376,820	51,950	24,532	14,782	1,330,578	178,100	48,634

Table IX.

Total Number, Tonnage, Crews and Passengers of Junks ENTERED at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong (exclusive of Local Trade), during the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

	CARGO.				BALLAST.				TOTAL.			
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.
Aberdeen,	50	1,853	409	...	4	224	42	...	54	2,077	451	...
Cheung Chow,	25	728	126	...	3	65	11	...	28	793	137	...
Deep Bay, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hungbom,	27	1,475	222	...	7	451	64	...	34	1,926	286	...
Long Ket, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sai Kung,	7	206	45	...	...	...	...	...	7	206	45	...
Sham Shui-po,	443	41,245	4,572	...	227	18,901	2,397	...	670	60,146	6,969	...
Shaukiwan,	88	2,604	691	40	25	906	173	...	113	3,510	864	40
Stanley,	4	24	15	...	...	...	...	...	4	24	15	...
Tai O,	27	1,587	130	17	6	247	25	...	33	1,834	155	17
Tai Po, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Victoria,	8,865	737,184	98,253	14,291	4,974	513,192	61,168	40,851	13,839	1,250,376	159,421	55,142
Total,...	9,536	786,906	104,463	14,348	5,246	533,986	63,880	40,851	14,782	1,320,892	168,343	55,199

Table X.

Total Number, Tonnage, Crews and Passengers of Junks CLEARED at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong (exclusive of Local Trade), during the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

	CARGO.				BALLAST.				TOTAL.			
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.
Aberdeen,.....	2	151	25	...	16	404	106	...	18	555	131	...
Cheung Chow,.....	8	176	43	...	13	493	76	...	21	669	119	...
Deep Bay,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hunghom,.....	28	1,942	257	1	16	682	132	75	44	2,624	389	76
Long Ket,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sai Kung,.....	5	111	31	...	6	198	37	...	11	309	68	...
Sham Shui-po,.....	255	20,695	2,626	...	452	42,129	5,000	...	707	62,824	7,626	...
Shaukiwan,.....	147	6,121	1,188	...	65	2,325	514	23	212	8,446	1,702	23
Stanley,.....	3	18	11	...	1	4	4	...	4	22	15	...
Tai O,.....	5	313	29	5	21	989	120	74	26	1,302	149	79
Tai Po,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Victoria,.....	9,086	924,231	121,940	24,096	4,653	329,596	45,961	24,360	13,739	1,253,827	167,901	48,456
Total,.....	9,539	953,758	126,150	24,102	5,243	376,820	51,950	24,532	14,782	1,330,578	178,100	48,634

Table XI.

Return of Junks (Local Trade) ENTERED at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong, during the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

	CARGO.				BALLAST.				TOTAL.			
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.
Aberdeen.....	61	1,505	405	...	10	400	85	...	71	1,905	490	...
Cheung Chow,.....	28	705	164	...	2	56	13	...	30	761	177	...
Deep Bay,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hunghom,.....	5	25	16	...	22	1,079	191	...	27	1,104	207	...
Long Ket,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sai Kung,.....	12	330	68	...	10	187	58	...	22	517	126	...
Sham Shui-po,.....	49	4,099	822	...	28	3,087	454	...	77	7,186	1,276	...
Shaukiwan,.....	123	5,209	988	...	46	2,328	424	...	169	7,537	1,412	...
Stanley,.....	5	310	36	...	4	132	27	...	9	442	63	...
Tai O,.....	8	152	32	4	...	...	...	...	8	152	32	4
Tai Po,.....	9	275	42	2	4	48	25	34	13	323	67	36
Victoria,.....	7,038	267,407	63,480	15,529	13,356	605,484	103,308	48,502	20,394	872,891	166,788	64,031
Total,.....	7,338	280,617	66,053	15,535	13,482	612,801	104,585	48,536	20,820	892,818	170,638	64,071

Table XII.

Return of Junks (Local Trade) CLEARED at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong, during the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

	CARGO.				BALLAST.				TOTAL.			
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.
Aberdeen,.....	26	744	179	...	81	2,680	621	...	107	3,424	800	...
Cheung Chow,.....	8	211	34	...	29	668	162	...	37	879	196	...
Deep Bay,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hunghom,.....	10	256	54	...	7	150	50	20	17	406	104	20
Long Ket,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sai Kung,.....	10	246	48	...	8	175	45	...	18	421	93	...
Sham Shui-po,.....	16	1,738	258	...	24	3,816	381	...	40	4,554	639	...
Shaukiwan,.....	33	1,212	291	40	37	1,390	281	...	70	2,602	572	40
Stanley,.....	3	220	25	...	6	165	38	5	9	385	63	5
Tai O,.....	8	266	36	...	7	91	28	9	15	357	64	9
Tai Po,.....	10	224	58	32	3	99	19	...	13	323	77	32
Victoria,.....	7,912	358,555	77,766	60,035	11,714	514,163	87,264	1,962	19,626	872,718	165,030	61,997
Total,.....	8,036	363,672	78,749	60,107	11,916	522,397	88,889	1,996	19,952	886,069	167,638	62,103

Table XIII.
SUMMARY.

FOREIGN TRADE.	NO. OF VESSELS.	TONS.	CREWS.
British Ships <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	5,050	5,588,545	257,192
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	238	334,285	14,098
Total,	5,288	5,922,830	271,290
British Ships <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	5,084	5,525,952	323,278
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	212	397,751	11,688
Total,	5,296	5,923,703	334,966
Foreign Ships <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	2,579	3,983,173	150,544
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	382	249,693	11,111
Total,	2,961	4,233,566	161,655
Foreign Ships <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	2,304	3,481,863	117,560
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	666	649,438	22,295
Total,	2,970	4,131,301	139,855
Steamships under 60 tons <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	260	15,101	5,720
Do. <i>do.</i> <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	528	19,834	6,142
Total,	788	34,935	11,862
Steamships under 60 tons <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	656	29,808	10,804
Do. <i>do.</i> <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	137	5,278	1,106
Total,	793	35,086	11,910
Junks <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	9,536	786,906	104,463
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	5,246	533,986	63,890
Total,	14,782	1,320,892	168,343
Junks <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	9,617	1,058,793	228,665
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	5,165	371,785	51,060
Total,	14,782	1,430,578	279,725
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels <i>entered</i> ,	23,819	11,512,223	613,150
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels <i>cleared</i> ,	23,841	11,520,668	766,456
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels in Foreign Trade, <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	47,660	23,032,891	1,379,606
LOCAL TRADE.			
Total Junks <i>entered</i> ,	20,820	892,318	170,638
Do. <i>cleared</i> ,	19,952	886,069	167,638
Total Local Trade <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	40,772	1,778,887	338,276
Total Foreign Trade, <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	47,660	23,032,891	1,379,606
Total Local Trade, <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	40,772	1,778,887	338,276
Grand Total,	88,432	24,811,778	1,717,882

Table XIV.

STATEMENT of REVENUE collected in the Harbour Department during the Year 1907.

Head of Receipts.	Amount.
	\$ <i>cts.</i>
1. Light Dues, Ordinance 10 of 1889,	80,389.00
2. Licences and Internal Revenue not otherwise specified:—	
Boat Licences,	33,505.70
Chinese Passenger Ship Licences, Ordinance 1 of 1889,	1,395.00
Emigration Brokers' Licences, Ordinance 1 of 1889,	1,000.00
Fines,	2,814.50
Fishing Stake and Station Licences, Ordinance 10 of 1899,	177.00
Fishing Stake and Station Licences, from the New Territories, Ord. 10 of 1899,.....	2,606.50
Junk Licences, &c., Ordinance 10 of 1899,	52,342.20
Junk Licences, &c., from the New Territories, Ordinance 10 of 1899,	18,303.50
Pilots' Licences, Ordinance 3 of 1904,	80.00
Steam-launch Licences, &c., Ordinance 10 of 1899,	3,898.00
3. Fees of Court or Office, Payments for specific purposes and Reimbursements-in-Aid:—	
Engagement and Discharge of Seamen, Ordinance 10 of 1899,.....	24,446.40
Engagement of Masters and Engineers of Steam-launches, Ordinance 10 of 1899,...	287.00
Examination of Masters, &c., Ordinance 10 of 1899,	2,900.00
Gunpowder, Storage of—Ordinance 10 of 1899,.....	11,664.76
Medical Examination of Emigrants, Ordinance 1 of 1889,	31,675.00
Printed Forms, Sale of,	58.75
Private Moorings and Buoys, Rent for—Ordinance 10 of 1899,	3,630.00
Registry Fees (Merchant Shipping Act), Ordinance 10 of 1899,	1,309.00
Steam-launches, Surveyor's Certificates, Ordinance 10 of 1899,	3,405.00
Sugar Convention, Ordinance 14 of 1904,	1,350.00
Survey of Steamships, &c., Ordinance 10 of 1899,	29,770.39
Sunday Cargo Working Permits, Ordinance 1 of 1891,	41,250.00
7. Miscellaneous Receipts—Message Fees for notifying ships,.....	42.40
TOTAL,.....\$	348,300.10

Table XV.
RETURN of LICENSED STEAM-LAUNCHES Entered in the COLONY of HONGKONG during the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

PLACES.	TOWING.				NOT TOWING.				TOTAL.			
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen- gers.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen- gers.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen- gers.
Within the Waters of the Colony, *	120,970	2,872,228	981,578	5,045	88,631	2,736,038	786,156	4,526,878	209,601	5,608,266	1,767,734	4,531,923
Total,.....	120,970	2,872,228	981,578	5,045	88,631	2,736,038	786,156	4,526,878	209,601	5,608,266	1,767,734	4,531,923
Outside the Waters of the Colony :—												
Samsui, {												
Kongmun, {												
Kamchuk, {												
Wuchow,.....	1	27	7	...	...	...	...	...	1	27	7	...
Macao,.....	...	...	...	...	260	15,101	5,720	1,879	260	15,101	5,720	1,879
Other Places,	102	4,219	885	...	395	14,675	5,073	9,598	497	18,894	5,958	9,598
Total,.....	103	4,246	892	...	655	29,776	10,793	11,477	758	34,022	11,685	11,477
Grand Total,.....	121,073	2,876,474	982,470	5,045	89,286	2,765,814	796,949	4,538,355	210,359	5,642,288	1,779,419	4,543,400

* The figures under the heading "Steam-launches plying within the Waters of the Colony" are incomplete: the "Star Ferry" Company stating that since 1901, "owing to the amount of work entailed", they have had to discontinue keeping a record of the passengers carried by their launches, and also number of trips.

Table XVI.

RETURN of LICENSED STEAM-LAUNCHES Cleared in the COLONY of HONGKONG during the year ending 31st December, 1907.

PLACES.	TOWING.			NOT TOWING.			TOTAL.					
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen- gers.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen- gers.	
Within the Waters of the Colony, *	122,777	2,876,149	983,770	4,965	86,824	2,732,117	783,964	3,866,353	209,601	5,608,266	1,767,734	3,871,318
Total,.....	122,777	2,876,149	983,770	4,965	86,824	2,732,117	783,964	3,866,353	209,601	5,608,266	1,767,734	3,871,318
Outside the Waters of the Colony :—												
Samshui, } Kongmou, } Kamchuk, }	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wuchow,	1	27	7	...	...	...	...	...	1	27	7	...
Macao,.....	...	...	...	...	260	15,101	5,720	1,905	260	15,101	5,720	1,905
Other Places,	102	4,219	885	...	395	14,675	5,078	9,527	497	18,894	5,958	9,527
Total,.....	103	4,246	892	...	655	29,776	10,793	11,432	758	34,022	11,685	11,432
Grand Total,.....	122,880	2,880,395	984,662	4,965	87,479	2,761,893	794,757	3,877,785	201,359	5,642,288	1,779,419	3,882,750

* The figures under the heading "Steam-launches plying within the Waters of the Colony" are incomplete: the "Star Ferry" Company stating that since 1901, "owing to the amount of work entailed", they have had to discontinue keeping a record of the passengers carried by their launches, and also number of trips.

Table XVII.

NUMBER OF BOAT LICENCES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 1907.

(Under Table U., Section 40, of Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.)

DESCRIPTION.	LICENCE.	DUPLICATE.	FEE.
			\$
Passenger Boats, Class A.,.....	640	.....	} 10,246.00
Passenger Boats, Class B.,.....	853	.....
Passenger Village Boats,	1,558	.....
Cargo Boats,	1,762	2	} 22,101.00
Lighters,	175	11	
Water Boats,	83	.....
Other Boats,	933	.....
Cinder, Bum, Hawker and Marine Dealers' Boats, ...	376	1	680.70
Fish Drying Hulks,	73	.....	478.00
Total,.....	6,453	11	\$33,505.70

Table XVIII.

SUMMARY of CHINESE EMIGRATION from HONGKONG to Ports other than in China,
during the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

WHITHER BOUND.	BRITISH VESSELS.					FOREIGN VESSELS.					GRAND TOTAL.				
	Adults.		Children.		Total.	Adults.		Children.		Total.	Adults.		Children.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
To Banka, .....	...	...	...	...	...	369	...	...	...	369	369	...	...	...	369
„ Billiton, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1,046	...	...	...	1,046	1,046	...	...	...	1,046
„ Callao, Peru,	1,781	3	52	...	1,836	852	3	12	...	867	2,633	6	64	...	2,703
„ Honolulu, Sandwich Islands,	13	...	...	...	13	296	2	5	...	303	309	2	5	...	316
„ Iquique, Chili, .....	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	2	...	22	20	...	2	...	22
„ Japan Ports,	45	...	1	...	46	170	3	5	3	181	215	3	6	3	227
„ Java, .....	...	...	...	...	...	67	...	...	...	67	67	...	...	...	67
„ Mauritius, .....	...	...	...	...	...	468	29	45	1	543	468	29	45	1	543
„ Mexico,	2,622	...	46	...	2,668	2,209	...	28	...	2,237	4,831	...	74	...	4,905
„ San Francisco, U.S.A., ...	633	2	16	...	651	3,026	28	123	5	3,192	3,659	40	139	5	3,843
„ Seattle, U.S.A., .....	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	1	...	12	11	...	1	...	12
„ Straits Settlements,	52,452	9,158	2,276	932	64,818	15,992	1,666	421	151	18,230	68,444	10,824	2,697	1,083	83,048
„ Tacoma, U.S.A., .....	...	...	...	...	...	107	...	2	...	109	107	...	2	...	109
„ Vancouver, British Columbia,	7,157	...	157	...	7,314	...	...	...	...	...	7,157	...	157	...	7,314
„ Victoria, British Columbia,	1,192	...	38	...	1,230	203	...	9	1	213	1,395	...	47	1	1,443
TOTAL PASSENGERS,...	65,895	9,163	2,586	932	78,576	24,836	1,741	653	161	27,391	90,731	10,904	3,239	1,093	105,967
Total Passengers by British Vessels,											65,895	9,163	2,586	932	78,576
Total Passengers by Foreign Vessels,											24,836	1,741	653	161	27,391
Excess of Passengers by British Vessels,											41,059	7,422	1,933	771	51,185

Table XIX.

RETURN OF EMIGRATION FROM HONGKONG to Ports other than in China, for 20 Years,
from 1888 to 1907, inclusive.

Month.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
January,	6,751	3,831	1,63	3,352	2,79	6,141	4,723	2,934	5,306	3,530
February,	3,169	1,828	2,355	809	1,846	2,217	1,400	4,919	1,501	1,800
March,	11,558	6,175	5,139	3,485	6,154	10,583	9,334	10,532	4,242	6,887
April,	12,820	6,61	5,46	6,362	7,271	1,994	9,961	9,645	9,559	8,183
May,	17,573	5,745	5,074	6,400	6,312	10,884	4,831	8,320	9,927	7,572
June,	11,000	4,81	3,142	4,268	4,403	8,629	28	5,430	6,250	6,365
July,	8,801	3,424	4,556	3,872	4,121	6,093	...	5,452	5,719	5,441
August,	7,078	3,358	2,579	2,662	3,392	3,928	157	1,853	4,211	4,498
September,	3,895	3,004	3,543	3,572	3,741	4,976	2,086	5,621	7,050	5,611
October,	4,814	3,785	2,884	4,570	3,775	4,320	6,91	5,391	5,344	4,905
November,	4,536	2,927	2,57	2,297	4,721	4,361	6,028	5,097	3,807	3,616
December,	4,179	5,900	3,494	3,505	4,398	4,710	4,284	4,944	3,906	4,423
Total,	96,195	47,849	42,066	45,162	52,143	82,336	49,023	73,138	66,822	62,831

Month.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
January,	1,963	5,756	6,383	7,247	4,634	4,120	5,867	4,325	2,831	7,936
February,	3,893	2,312	3,570	1,409	1,509	6,063	2,239	1,588	3,786	1,242
March,	5,945	6,846	18,373	8,690	8,216	11,150	9,691	7,726	16,418	14,063
April,	7,401	16,379	14,451	11,857	11,927	11,717	11,707	8,695	9,002	13,714
May,	4,576	9,314	11,979	10,499	8,887	13,751	12,695	9,170	8,180	15,488
June,	5,019	1,360	2,279	976	1,966	4,146	5,850	5,187	4,600	7,874
July,	7,673	1,197	1,056	535	3,936	1,063	4,331	3,711	4,810	8,213
August,	4,754	1,510	2,058	3,147	4,589	1,891	3,470	4,497	6,766	8,383
September,	4,648	889	5,776	6,860	6,478	8,037	5,550	4,779	5,909	8,516
October,	5,079	5,012	5,919	7,012	7,985	8,509	5,196	5,627	7,083	8,683
November,	4,347	9,119	6,400	6,475	15,897	7,347	4,862	5,108	7,044	6,494
December,	5,134	7,381	5,399	5,277	5,747	5,590	4,846	4,018	5,996	5,359
Total,	60,432	61,075	83,643	69,774	71,711	83,384	76,304	64,341	76,725	105,967

RETURN OF MALE AND FEMALE EMIGRANTS FROM HONGKONG to Ports other than in China,
for 10 Years, from 1898 to 1907, inclusive.

Whither bound.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
Straits Settlements, Males,	38,577	40,736	61,057	48,732	49,260	53,759	53,131	45,948	51,589	71,141
Straits Settlements, Females,	6,803	4,930	8,156	8,174	8,408	9,628	9,596	9,026	8,731	11,907
Total,	45,380	45,666	69,213	56,903	57,668	63,387	62,727	54,974	60,320	83,048
Other Ports, Males,	14,712	15,277	14,350	12,758	13,967	19,915	13,499	9,308	16,348	22,829
Other Ports, Females,	340	132	80	113	76	82	78	59	57	90
Total,	15,052	15,409	14,430	12,871	14,043	19,997	13,577	9,367	16,405	22,919
Grand Total,	60,432	61,075	83,643	69,774	71,711	83,384	76,304	64,341	76,725	105,967

Table XX.

SUMMARY of CHINESE IMMIGRATION to HONGKONG from Ports other than in China, during the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

WHERE FROM	BRITISH VESSELS.					FOREIGN VESSELS.					GRAND TOTAL.				
	Adults.		Children.		Total.	Adults.		Children.		Total.	Adults.		Children.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.			
From Bangkok, Siam, .....	...	...	...	...	...	2,809	8	2	...	2,819	2,809	8	2	...	2,819
„ Callao, Peru,	457	...	...	...	457	...	...	...	...	...	457	...	...	...	457
„ Durban, British South Africa,	905	...	...	...	905	...	...	...	...	...	905	...	...	...	905
„ Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, .....	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	5	3	27	19	...	5	3	27
„ Java & Sumatra,	22	...	...	...	22	3,842	...	...	...	3,842	3,864	...	...	...	3,864
„ Japan Ports,	329	1	4	2	336	742	...	...	...	742	1,071	1	4	2	1,078
„ Melbourne,	876	...	...	...	876	362	...	...	...	362	1,232	...	...	...	1,232
„ New South Wales,	312	...	...	...	312	100	...	...	...	100	412	...	...	...	412
„ Queensland Ports,	408	...	...	...	408	187	...	...	...	187	595	...	...	...	595
„ San Francisco, U.S.A.,	790	9	13	14	826	4,047	24	19	14	4,104	4,837	33	32	28	4,930
„ Seattle, U.S.A., .....	...	...	...	...	...	1,317	...	...	...	1,317	1,317	...	...	...	1,317
„ South Australian Ports,	71	2	...	...	73	...	...	...	...	...	71	2	...	...	73
„ Straits Settlements,	101,841	2,009	555	353	104,758	19,533	37	6	4	19,580	121,374	2,046	561	357	124,338
„ Tacoma, U.S.A.,	408	...	...	...	408	...	...	...	...	...	408	...	...	...	408
„ Vancouver, British Columbia,	3,347	20	...	...	3,367	...	...	...	...	...	3,347	20	...	...	3,367
TOTAL PASSENGERS...	109,760	2,041	572	369	112,742	32,958	69	32	21	33,080	142,718	2,110	604	390	145,822
Total Passengers by British Vessels,											109,760	2,041	572	369	112,742
Total Passengers by Foreign Vessels,											32,958	69	32	21	33,080
Excess of Passengers by British Vessels,											76,802	1,972	540	348	79,662

Table XXI.

RETURN of IMMIGRATION to HONGKONG from Ports other than in China, for 20 Years from 1888 to 1907, inclusive.

Month.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
January,	9,863	9,241	6,889	11,015	7,455	8,357	9,727	7,521	11,133	9,745
February,	4,112	6,114	8,855	3,854	6,879	4,685	4,663	8,474	6,356	6,447
March,	11,184	7,055	8,485	10,949	9,010	9,048	12,582	8,925	11,558	9,815
April,	7,658	10,162	8,209	7,863	7,179	8,548	7,688	8,432	9,967	10,392
May,	7,681	8,749	7,743	8,897	8,733	9,713	9,600	10,397	9,257	9,658
June,	6,926	7,422	7,716	8,377	8,307	9,513	5,520	9,202	9,910	9,281
July,	7,069	8,740	8,076	7,328	6,945	10,044	4,415	8,356	9,104	9,590
August,	7,729	7,432	8,005	8,052	7,417	8,997	6,225	9,166	8,852	8,909
September,	8,587	7,604	7,174	9,039	8,041	9,565	7,876	9,836	9,985	10,167
October,	9,763	10,353	11,472	9,804	8,896	10,215	8,010	11,139	10,123	10,030
November,	9,366	8,386	7,344	10,314	9,108	9,190	10,055	10,096	12,423	9,885
December,	8,862	8,057	8,566	9,707	10,001	10,769	9,734	11,141	10,800	11,283
Total,	98,800	99,315	98,534	105,199	97,971	108,644	96,095	112,685	119,468	115,207

Month.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
January,	7,415	10,274	8,994	11,995	11,276	10,896	12,342	15,139	10,793	17,329
February,	6,036	5,020	5,923	7,649	7,535	8,860	8,270	8,762	9,773	6,246
March,	9,304	9,165	12,994	10,712	12,036	12,228	16,350	11,935	12,433	12,758
April,	9,489	8,539	8,259	9,807	8,655	10,615	12,191	8,153	10,581	11,195
May,	8,065	9,582	9,348	10,137	11,039	10,511	10,558	11,143	10,189	12,908
June,	9,227	8,686	10,712	8,542	8,817	10,724	11,419	11,354	10,724	8,843
July,	6,260	8,648	11,633	9,478	9,498	11,248	11,167	11,686	13,221	13,127
August,	9,610	7,015	7,313	10,815	8,794	10,555	12,035	12,122	9,633	11,767
September,	8,090	8,461	10,094	10,244	11,352	11,934	11,995	11,528	10,275	10,277
October,	9,714	11,694	9,554	13,595	13,989	12,523	15,130	11,695	12,018	12,573
November,	10,888	9,823	10,619	13,984	12,816	15,466	14,212	13,652	11,338	11,874
December,	11,343	13,541	15,879	12,072	14,005	14,991	13,526	13,314	13,934	16,925
Total,	105,441	110,448	121,322	129,030	129,812	140,551	149,195	140,483	134,912	145,822

RETURN of MALE and FEMALE IMMIGRANTS to HONGKONG from Ports other than in China,
for 10 years, from 1898 to 1907, inclusive.

Where from.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
Straits Settlements, Males,	88,580	90,191	98,782	106,923	108,362	116,705	123,542	114,653	110,525	121,925
Straits Settlements, Females,	3,760	4,671	4,586	4,943	3,891	5,778	4,842	6,210	4,043	2,403
Total,	92,340	94,862	103,368	111,866	112,253	122,483	128,384	120,863	114,568	124,338
Other Ports, Males,	12,839	15,316	17,661	16,870	17,326	17,826	20,447	19,291	19,848	21,387
Other Ports, Females,	262	270	293	294	233	242	364	329	496	97
Total,	13,101	15,586	17,954	17,164	17,559	18,068	20,811	19,620	20,344	21,484
Grand Total,	105,441	110,448	121,322	129,030	129,812	140,551	149,195	140,483	134,912	145,822

Table XXII.

RETURN of VESSELS REGISTERED at the Port of Hongkong, during the Year 1907.

Name of Vessel.	Official Number.	Registered Tonnage.	Horse Power.	Rig.	Built of.	Where built and when.	Remarks.
Tai Sze,	120,995	205.61	...	Nil	Steel	Shanghai,	1906.
Tai Loong,	120,996	205.61	...	"	"	"	1906.
Sui An,	120,997	1,005.46	120	"	"	"	1899.
Sui Tai,	120,998	1,005.46	120	"	"	"	1899.
Fati,	Motor. 120,999	9.00	24	"	"	Amsterdam,	1906.
Cormorant,	(Str.) 121,000	59.89	24	"	Wood	Hongkong,	1890.
Yat Ho,	123,071	188.33	...	"	"	"	1896.
Yee Ho,	123,072	188.33	...	"	"	"	1897.
Luk Ho,	123,073	241.79	...	"	Steel	"	1899.
Tarang,	123,074	86.76	...	Schooner	Wood	San Francisco,	1903.
Crane,	(Str.) 123,075	22.02	16	Nil	"	Hongkong,	1906.
Evening Star,	" 123,076	50.65	235	"	"	"	1904.
Morning Star,	" 123,077	50.65	I.H.P. 235	"	"	"	1900.
Northern Star,	" 123,078	50.65	I.H.P. 235	"	"	"	1904.
Polar Star,	" 123,079	50.65	I.H.P. 235	"	"	"	1902.
Southern Star,	" 123,080	50.65	I.H.P. 235	"	"	"	1900.
Chan Po,	" 123,081	129.92	28	"	"	"	1901.
Ng Ho,	" 123,082	156.93	...	"	Steel	Shanghai,	1896.
Heron,	(Str.) 123,083	17.71	16	"	Wood	Hongkong,	1897.
Penguin,	" 123,084	27.26	16	"	"	"	1900.
Stork,	" 123,085	16.51	16	"	"	"	1898.
Auster,	" 120,971	222.71	...	"	Steel	"	1897.
Brynkilde,	" 123,086	11.27	...	Cutter	Wood	"	1904.
Kowloon,	(Str.) 123,087	34.20	16	Nil	"	"	1886.
San Sap Yat,	" 123,088	45.99	...	"	Steel	"	1896.
Tsat Ho,	" 123,089	115.88	...	"	"	"	1895.
Syren,	" 72,851	50.67	...	Schooner	Wood	Shanghai,	1896.
Pat Sap,	" 123,090	55.01	...	Nil	"	Hongkong,	1906.
Pat Yat,	" 123,091	55.01	...	"	"	"	1906.
Pat Yee,	" 123,092	55.01	...	"	"	"	1906.
Pat Sam,	" 123,093	55.01	...	"	"	"	1906.
Pat Sze,	" 123,094	55.01	...	"	"	"	1906.
Pat Ng,	" 123,095	55.01	...	"	"	"	1906.
Kau Sap Sam,	" 123,096	55.01	...	"	"	"	1901.
Kathleen,	Motor. 123,097	28.50	30	"	"	"	1906.
Albatross,	(Str.) 123,098	39.83	16½	"	"	"	1907.

Table XXIII.

RETURN of REGISTRIES of VESSELS cancelled at the Port of Hongkong, during the Year 1907.

Name of Vessel.	Official Number.	Registered Tonnage.	Date of Registry.	Horse Power.	Rig.	Built of.	Where and when built.	Reason of Cancellation.
W. Cores de Vries, .....(Str.)	71,561	672.45	1883	52	Schooner	Iron	Fyenoord, Rotterdam, 1865	Sold to Foreigners.
Sual,	64,100	781.61	1886	60	"	"	Hongkong 1873 [haven, 1894	Sold to Foreigners.
Sabine					"	"	Grestemund, Bremer-	Sold to Foreigners.
Rickmers, ..	107,024	690.38	1898	104	"	Steel	Hongkong, 1902	Lost at Hongkong.
Wing Chai, ...	109,871	547.89	1903	88	Nil	Wood	Hongkong, 1902	Lost in the vicinity of Cape
Robert Cooke, ..	109,875	217.95	1903	125	"	Steel	Hongkong, 1902	Lost at Hongkong. [Varella.
Hong Kong, ..	109,864	413.30	1904	40	"	Wood	Hongkong, 1901	Lost at Hongkong.
Kukuburra formerly "Dorothy",	116,037	41.74	1904	...	Lorcha	"	Hongkong, 1901	Sold by Public Auction. Registry no longer required.
Africus,	116,055	173.33	1904	...	Nil	Steel	Hongkong, 1899	Lost at Hongkong.
Auster,	120,971	404.08	1904	...	"	"	Hongkong, 1897	Registered anew.
Albatross, ....(Str.)	120,973	82.79	1905	24	Schooner	Wood	Hongkong, 1904	Lost outside Hongkong.
Loongwo, ...	120,989	2,386.06	1906	600	Nil	Steel	Hongkong, 1906	Transferred to London.
Hoi Ning, ...	120,994	80.84	1906	18	"	Wood	Hongkong, 1903	Converted into a launch. Registry no longer required.

Table XXIV.

RETURN of MARINE CASES tried at the MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT, during the year 1907.

NATURE OF CHARGE.	No. of Cases.	No. of Defendants.	Defendants how disposed of.							Amount of Fines.				
			Imprisonment with Hard Labour.	Imprisonment with Hard Labour and forfeiture of pay.	Imprisonment without Hard Labour.	Imprisonment in default of fine.	Fined.	Forfeiture of Pay.	Reprimanded.		Sent back to duty.	Dismissed.		
Absent without Leave,	5	8	...	5	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Arrival without reporting,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	25.00
Assault,	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Breach of Conditions of Licence, (Launches, &c.),	12	13	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	1	...	1	...	163.00
Desertion,	2	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Disobeying the lawful orders of the Harbour Master, (Junks, &c.),	15	22	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	1	...	336.00
Engagements of Masters or Engineers of Steam-launches, Neglecting to register, ...	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	40.00
Harbour Regulations, Breach of, (Junks, &c.),	33	84	...	...	...	1	75	...	...	...	...	8	...	901.50
Leaving a Port without a Clearance,	12	14	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	300.00
Lights, Neglecting to exhibit, (Launches, &c.),	17	22	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	1	...	212.00
Passengers, Carrying excess of, (Launches, &c.),	11	11	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	367.00
Plying without certificated Master or Engineer, (Launches),	4	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	100.00
Plying without a Licence, (Boats, &c.),	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	35.00
Refusal of Duty,	5	6	...	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rubbish, Throwing in Harbour,	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	25.00
Rules of the Road, Failure to observe, (Steam-launches),	5	5	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	70.00
Steam-whistle, Using for other purpose than of navigation,	13	13	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	1	...	240.00
Total,	145	217	1	11	...	1	180	7	1	...	16	...	...	\$2,814.50

Appendix A.

MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICE.

Twenty thousand nine hundred and ninety (20,990) Seamen were shipped and nineteen thousand five hundred and twenty-nine (19,529) discharged at the Mercantile Marine Office and on board ships during the year.

One hundred and sixteen (116) Distressed Seamen were received during the year, of whom 30 were sent to the United Kingdom, 3 to Calcutta, 1 to Colombo, 1 to Singapore, 1 to Melbourne, and 1 to Sydney; 18 were sent as passengers to Canton, 4 to Foochow, 1 to Hoihow and 2 to London; 3 were taken charge of by the Japanese Consul, 2 joined the Chinese Customs, 1 obtained employment on shore, 35 were shipped, 5 died at the Government Civil Hospital, 3 remained in the Government Civil Hospital and 5 at the Sailors' Home.

\$2,920.11 were expended by the Harbour Master on behalf of the Board of Trade in the relief of these Distressed Seamen.

Appendix B.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

2. The return shows that during the year the amount of Opium reported was as follows:—

	1906.	1907.	Increase.	Decrease.
	<i>Chests.</i>	<i>Chests.</i>	<i>Chests.</i>	<i>Chests.</i>
Imported,	47,566½	40,842½	...	6,724
Exported,	47,575½	42,702	...	4,873½
Through Cargo reported but not landed,	9,712½	8,938	...	774½

The return shows that during the year the amount of Opium skin reported was as follows:—

	1906.			1907.			Increase.			Decrease.
	<i>Pols.</i>	<i>Cut.</i>	<i>Tls.</i>	<i>Pols.</i>	<i>Cut.</i>	<i>Tls.</i>	<i>Pols.</i>	<i>Cut.</i>	<i>Tls.</i>	
Imported,	348.	82.	0.	433.	6.	2.	84.	24.	2.	.....
Exported,	340.	85.	1.	434.	44.	5.	93.	59.	4.	.....

Eighteen thousand and thirty-four (18,034) Permits were issued from this Office during the year being an increase of 554 as compared with 1906.

A daily memo. of exports to Chinese Ports was, during the year, supplied to the Commissioner of Imperial Maritimes Customs and a daily memo. of exports to Macao was supplied to the Superintendent of Raw Opium Department of Macao.

Surprise visits were paid to 94 godowns during the year.

The return shows that during the year the amount of Morphia and Compound of Opium reported was as follows:—

COMPOUND OF OPIUM.

	1906.	1907.	Increase.	Decrease.
	<i>Taels.</i>	<i>Taels.</i>	<i>Taels.</i>	
Imported,	129,682.9.0	184,602.8.2	54,919.9.2	.....
Exported,	77,082.0.0	113,450.5.0	36,368.5.0	.....
Local Consumption,	52,600.9.0	67,759.3.2	15,158.4.2	.....

MORPHIA.

	1906.*		1907.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	<i>Cases.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>Cases.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>			<i>Cases.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
Imported,	444	...	415	9,694.10	...	...	29	...
Exported,	359	...	398	9,469.0	47	...	...	...

Return of Sugar imported into the Colony of Hongkong, by vessels of different nationalities during the year 1907.

	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>Qr.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
American Steamers.....	2,177	...	2	9
Austrian ".....	415	3	2	7
British ".....	161,788	8	...	2
Dutch ".....	43,601	12	1	3
French ".....	2,860	19	2	26
German ".....	55,721	11	1	6
Japanese ".....	2,907	5	1	6
Norwegian ".....	16,278	5	1	2
Portuguese ".....	11	18	1	9
Swedish ".....	5,897	15	1	13
By Junks.	867	8	2	8
Total,	<u>292,527</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>

* 9 months only.

Return of Sugar imported into the Colony of Hongkong during the year 1907.

<i>From</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>Qr.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
Austria	223	18	2	1
China	7,089	12	...	1
Cochin China	5,808	5	...	15
Germany	584	4	2	16
Java	215,486	4	...	4
London	20	11	2	18
Mauritius	2,721	18	1	25
New Territories	73	3	2	14
Philippine Islands	58,978	18	...	19
Straits Settlements	1,540	12	...	6
Total,	292,527	8	1	7

Two hundred and forty (240) Certificates of Origin for Exportation of Sugar were issued from this Office during the year 1907.

Thirty (30) Permits for Delivery of Sugar arrived at the Colony without Certificate of Origin were issued from this Office during the year 1907.

IMPORTS.

The return shows that during the year the amount of Sugar reported was as follows :—

	1906.				1907.				Decrease.			
	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>Qr.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>Qr.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>Qr.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
Imported...	483,119	13	1	19	292,527	8	1	7	190,592	5	0	12

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF OPIUM.

IMPORTS.

	MALWA.	PATNA.	BENARES.	PERSIAN.	TURKISH.	CHINESE.	TOTAL.
	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>
1906,.....	4,975½	24,963	13,115	2,646	987	880	47,566½
1907,.....	5,119½	23,220	10,232	2,217	4	50	40,842½
Increase,...	144	...	...	...	...	...	144
Decrease, .	...	1,743	2,883	429	983	830	6,868

EXPORTS.

	MALWA.	PATNA.	BENARES.	PERSIAN.	TURKISH.	CHINESE.	TOTAL.	
	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	<i>chests.</i>	
1906,.....	5,861½	25,177	13,192	1,706	985	654	47,575½	
1907,.....	5,700	22,404	10,621	3,846	25	106	42,702	
Increase,...	...	...	...	2,140	...	...	2,140
Decrease, .	161½	2,773	2,571	...	960	548	7,013½	
<i>Through Cargo reported in Manifests but not landed</i> {	1906,.....						9,712½	chests.
	1907,.....						8,938	"
Decrease,						774½	chests.	

NUMBER OF PERMITS, &c., ISSUED.

	1906.	1907.	Increase.	Decrease.
Landing Permits, ... (Opium),.....	365	377	12	...
Removal Permits, ... ("),.....	8,244	8,542	298	...
Export Permits, ... ("),.....	8,611	8,784	173	...
Landing Permits, ... (Opium Skin),.....	109	153	44	...
Removal Permits, ... ("),.....	10	11	1	...
Export Permits, ... ("),.....	141	167	26	...
Memo. of Exports to the Commissioner of Chinese Customs,...	544	584	40	...
Memo. of Exports to the Superintendent of Raw Opium Department, Macao,.....	293	289	...	4

SUMMARY OF EXPORTS, 1907.

	Malwa. chests.	Patna. chests.	Benares. chests.	Persian. chests.	Turkish. chests.	Chinese. chests.	Total. chests.	Total in Piculs.
<i>By Steamers to</i>								
Amoy,	15	225	2,467	519½	...	...	3,226½	3,777.88.8
Bushire, .....	...	...	...	16	...	...	16	16.40.0
Canton,	831	6,714	1,132	28	...	56	8,761	10,330.90.0
Changsha via Shanghai,	1	28	2	...	...	...	31	37.00.0
Chefoo, .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	2.40.0
Foochow,	1,022½	662	349	837½	1	...	2,872	3,095.13.7
Hankow via Shanghai, .....	...	5	2	...	...	...	7	8.40.0
Hohow, .....	...	206	35	...	...	...	241	289.20.0
Hoihow, .....	...	869	69	...	...	...	938	1,125.60.0
Kwong Chau Wan, .....	...	158	20	...	...	50	228	263.60.0
Kuchinatzu, .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1.20.0
London, .....	...	...	...	778	17	...	795	814.45.0
Macao, .....	...	3,462	1	...	...	...	3,463	4,155.60.0
Macassar, .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1.20.0
Matupi, .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1.20.0
Merida, .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1.02.5
Namtao, .....	...	43	4	...	...	...	47	56.40.0
Nanking via Shanghai,	41	100	...	...	...	...	141	161.00.0
Newchwang, .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1.20.0
New York, .....	...	1	...	6	...	...	7	7.35.0
Pakhoi, .....	...	182	38	...	...	...	220	264.00.0
Panama, .....	...	8	...	...	...	...	8	9.60.0
Philippine Islands, .....	...	307	428	149	...	...	884	1,034.72.5
Shanghai,	1,563	6,869	3,959	...	...	...	12,391	14,556.60.0
Smyrna, .....	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	5.00.0
Straits Settlements, .....	...	...	...	120	...	...	120	123.00.0
Swatow,	1,762½	1,339	713	11	...	...	3,825½	4,236.17.5
Tamatave, .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1.20.0
Tamsui, .....	...	223	1,348	1,209	...	...	2,780	3,124.42.5
Tientsin, .....	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	2.00.0
Vancouver, .....	...	101	...	...	...	...	101	121.20.0
Victoria, B. C., .....	...	491	2	...	...	...	493	591.60.0
Weihaiwei, .....	...	2	32	...	...	...	34	40.80.0
Wuchow, .....	...	6	1	...	...	...	7	8.40.0
<i>By Steam-launches and Junks to various ad- jacent Ports in China, }</i>	464	399	15	...	...	...	878	960.80.0
Total,	5,700	22,404	10,620	3,675	25	106	42,530	49,226.67.5

The information in Column 8 above is on the following assumption :—

Patna and Benares, per chest,	1.20.0	piculs.
Malwa, Turkish and Chinese, per chest,	1.00.0	"
Persian, per chest,	1.02.5	"

OPIUM IMPORTED.

YEAR.	MALWA. Chests.	PATNA. Chests.	BENARES. Chests.	PERSIAN. Chests.	TURKISH. Chests.	CHINESE. Chests.	TOTAL. Chests.
1888.....	26,445½	25,612	14,074	5,205½	176	...	71,513
1889.....	17,460½	27,211	16,865	5,798¼	96	...	67,430¾
1890.....	13,684½	25,233	16,384	7,102¼	61½	...	62,464¼
1891.....	12,420	24,520	15,435	5,925¾	119	...	58,419¾
1892.....	13,118½	23,041	13,431	7,171	103	...	56,864½
1893.....	9,803	17,935	6,674	4,684	2	½	39,098½
1894.....	10,910	18,314	7,252	5,092	10	...	41,578
1895.....	10,494½	15,892	6,491	3,717	15	...	36,609½
1896.....	7,576	17,883	5,008	3,687	54	...	34,208
1897.....	6,167	18,517	7,555	5,134	8	327	37,708
1898.....	7,483½	19,631	7,319	4,894	31	34	39,392½
1899.....	9,028¼	17,866	8,739	5,966½	51	39	41,690
1900.....	10,218	19,351	8,045	5,184½	418	40	43,256½
1901.....	6,666	21,140	9,254	5,252½	2	...	42,314½
1902.....	7,781½	23,207	8,723	4,062	8	...	43,781½
1903.....	8,679	22,253	8,468	6,521½	19	94	46,034½
1904.....	8,051	22,761	9,894	5,070½	34	126	45,936½
1905.....	6,763½	23,779	10,218	2,922	35	211	43,928½
1906.....	4,975½	24,963	13,115	2,646	987	880	47,566½
1907.....	5,119½	23,220	10,232	2,217	4	50	40,842½

OPIUM EXPORTED.

MALWA.

Year.	China.	Formosa.	Straits.	Philip- pines.	N. & C. America.	Canada.	Egypt.	London.	Other Ports.	Total Chests.
1888.....	27,090	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27,092
1889.....	16,702	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16,703
1890.....	13,404	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,409
1891.....	11,826	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	11,830
1892.....	11,936	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	11,948
1893.....	10,692	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	10,696
1894.....	10,132	53	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10,197
1895.....	10,337	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	10,348
1896.....	7,464	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	7,476
1897.....	5,956	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5,964
1898.....	6,896	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,896
1899.....	8,999	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9,017
1900.....	9,391	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,392
1901.....	7,424	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,427
1902.....	7,312	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,314
1903.....	7,999	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	2	8,004
1904.....	8,253	.....	15	12	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,281
1905.....	5,878	6	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5,888
1906.....	5,853	.....	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1	5,859
1907.....	5,700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,700

PATNA.

Year.	China.	Formosa.	Straits.	Philip- pines.	N. & C. America.	Canada.	Egypt.	London.	Other Ports.	Total Chests.
1888.....	23,951	.....	17	465	.....	437	.....	.....	8	24,878
1889.....	23,040	.....	40	379	.....	443	.....	.....	.....	23,902
1890.....	22,775	.....	250	260	.....	908	.....	.....	.....	24,193
1891.....	23,075	.....	315	203	.....	844	.....	.....	3	24,440
1892.....	18,410	.....	410	174	.....	954	.....	.....	.....	19,948
1893.....	16,675	.....	429	301	.....	787	.....	.....	4	18,196
1894.....	16,758	16	41	330	5	167	.....	.....	3	17,320
1895.....	15,033	.....	.....	245	3	307	.....	.....	20	15,608
1896.....	15,783	.....	.....	265	5	334	.....	.....	.....	16,387
1897.....	16,721	6	.....	360	6	410	.....	.....	6	17,509
1898.....	17,297	.....	1	444	37	457	.....	.....	.....	18,236
1899.....	17,285	.....	.....	432	32	61	.....	.....	2	17,812
1900.....	15,892	100	.....	618	17	2	.....	.....	1	16,630
1901.....	18,328	150	160	1,073	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	19,733
1902.....	21,482	300	163	323	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	22,274
1903.....	21,843	309	34	507	8	80	.....	.....	6	22,787
1904.....	20,152	120	.....	520	4	105	.....	.....	2	20,903
1905.....	22,193	.....	.....	602	13	93	.....	.....	5	22,906
1906.....	24,569	.....	.....	312	8	278	.....	.....	10	25,177
1907.....	21,271	223	.....	307	9	592	.....	.....	2	22,404

BENARES.

Year.	China.	Formosa.	Straits.	Philip- pines.	N. & C. America.	Canada.	Egypt.	London.	Other Ports.	Total Chests.
1888.....	13,390	658	86	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	14,176
1889.....	14,625	530	37	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	874	16,095
1890.....	14,011	560	109	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	14,764
1891.....	15,112	399	24	109	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	15,654
1892.....	12,309	157	332	79	1	.....	.....	.....	4	12,882
1893.....	7,418	124	256	92	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	7,894
1894.....	6,569	179	26	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	6,857
1895.....	6,209	96	214	139	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,658
1896.....	5,185	34	30	129	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,378
1897.....	6,747	302	.....	157	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	7,216
1898.....	7,316	.....	1	387	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	7,721
1899.....	8,263	.....	.....	330	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	8,597
1900.....	7,104	300	.....	543	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7,948
1901.....	7,297	360	42	1,099	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	8,804
1902.....	7,606	500	10	555	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,671
1903.....	7,394	566	3	753	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8,717
1904.....	7,775	1,120	9	578	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,482
1905.....	8,396	880	22	615	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	9,917
1906.....	10,667	2,000	84	432	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	13,191
1907.....	8,840	1,348	.....	428	.....	2	.....	.....	2	10,620

Appendix C.

MARINE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

3. During the year, the total number of vessels surveyed for Passenger Certificate and Bottom Inspection were 192 of 431,705 gross register tons, a decrease of 5 vessels and 7,533 tons, as compared with the previous year.

The nationalities and tonnage of these vessels were as follows :—

British	127 vessels of 319,571 tons.
German	49 „ of 85,886 „
French	5 „ of 6,922 „
Norwegian	7 „ of 11,245 „
Chinese	4 „ of 8,081 „

Emigration surveys were held on 115 vessels, 45 of which were British and 70 Foreign. The number of boilers built under inspection were 16, an increase of 2 as compared with last year.

RETURN OF WORK performed by the GOVERNMENT MARINE SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Years.	Passenger Certificate and Inspection of Bottom.	Emigration.	Tonnage for Registration.	British Tonnage Certificate for Foreign Vessels.	Inspection of Crew Space, Lights and Markings.	Minor Inspections.	Survey of Licensed Passenger Steam-launches.	Survey of Boilers under Construction.	Inspection of Government Launches.	Examination of Engineers.	Examination of Chinese Engineers for Steam-launches.	Estimated Total Number of Visits in connection with foregoing Inspections.
1898,	164	83	10	3	5	0	121	61	26	72	48	1,729
1899,	144	61	10	3	2	0	134	62	27	57	78	1,602
1900,	151	83	7	0	0	8	187	73	47	99	124	1,834
1901,	157	92	7	3	0	0	217	36	102	88	118	2,031
1902,	175	93	9	7	4	0	210	25	126	109	76	1,768
1903,	190	111	8	2	2	1	184	30	126	85	72	2,107
1904,	196	125	35	5	2	1	203	45	126	82	104	2,140
1905,	188	93	17	1	1	7	193	23	172	77	81	1,989
1906,	197	81	7	0	2	3	190	14	145	80	84	2,063
1907,	192	115	36	1	0	0	227	16	81	99	81	1,764

Appendix D.

GUNPOWDER DEPÔT.

4. During the year 1907, there has been stored in the Government Gunpowder Depôt, Green Island :—

	No. of Cases.	Approximate Weight.
		lbs.
Gunpowder, privately owned,	5,208	121,495
Do. Government owned,	102	9,470
Cartridges, privately owned,	1,855	321,300
Do. Government owned,	200	18,300
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,	866	55,153
Do. Government owned,	76	1,995
Non-explosives, privately owned,	23	2,225
Do. Government owned,	239	23,850
Total,	8,569	553,789

During the same period there has been delivered out of the Depôt :—

	No. of Cases.	Approximate Weight.
		lbs.
For Sale in the Colony :—		
Gunpowder, privately owned,	985	20,725
Cartridges, privately owned,	149	40,625
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,	100	8,825
Non-explosives, privately owned, .....	...	...
For Export :—		
Gunpowder, privately owned,	2,492	61,675
Cartridges, privately owned,	359	43,875
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,	413	21,350
Non-explosives, privately owned,	18	1,875
Total,	4,516	198,950

On the 31st December, 1907, there remained as follows :—

	No. of Cases.	Approximate Weight.
		lbs.
Gunpowder, privately owned,	1,731	39,095
Do. Government owned,	31	3,002
Cartridges, privately owned,	1,347	236,800
Do. Government owned,	17	1,700
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,	353	24,978
Do., Government owned,	34	1,614
Non-explosives, privately owned,	5	350
Do., Government owned,	1	10
Total,	3,519	307,549

Appendix E.

5. The amount of Light Dues collected was as follows :—

Class of Vessels.	Rate. per ton.	No. of Ships.	Tonnage.	Total Fees collected.
Ocean Vessels,	1 cent	4,255	7,495,290	\$ 74,952.90
Steam-launches,	1 "	524	20,577	205.77
River Steamers, (Night Boats),	$\frac{1}{3}$ "	2,378	1,564,686	5,216.18
River Launches, (Night Boats),	$\frac{1}{3}$ "	73	4,234	14.15
River Steamers, (Day Boats),	Free.	1,689	1,124,199	...
River Launches, (Day Boats),	Free.	191	10,124	...
Total, .....	...	9,110	10,219,110	80,389.00

CAPE COLLINSON.

The New Occulting Light at this Station was inaugurated on the 1st October, it is working satisfactorily and is found to be a great improvement.

GAP ROCK.

Owing to telegraphic communication being interrupted, no vessels were reported during the year as passing Gap Rock.

The Typhoon of the 13th September did serious damage to the Lantern, Glazing, Lenses, Derrick, etc., and owing to the above circumstances, the Lamp could not be lit until the night of the 15th September.

The Fog Signal Gun was fired three times and Blue Lights burnt on the night of the 14th September to warn a steamer approaching the Rock.

The New Fog Signal Apparatus was fixed in position in September.

Vessels signalled passing the Station: 1,122.

One hundred and thirty-five hours and ten minutes Fog were reported from this Station during the year and the Fog Signal Guns were fired 838 times.

On three occasions the fortnightly relief could not be carried out owing to the rough sea and bad weather prevailing.

WAGLAN ISLAND.

During the year, one thousand seven hundred and seventy (1,770) vessels were reported as passing this Station. Five hundred and thirty (530) messages were received and one thousand one hundred and sixty (1,160) sent, also 236 vessels were not reported owing to telegraphic interruption, embodying forty-four days.

There were two hundred and five hours Fog reported from this Station during the year and the Fog Signal Gun was fired 2,128 times.

The above messages sent include weather observations to the Observatory.

On no occasion was the relief delayed during the year.