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REPORTS OF THE CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, AND OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE BRIGADE, FOR THE YEAR 1907.

*To be laid before the Legislative Council by Command of  
His Excellency the Governor.*

The total of all cases reported to the Police was 11,540 as against 11,144 in 1906 being an increase of 396 or 3.55 per cent.

In the division of these cases into Serious and Minor Offences there appears a decrease as compared with 1906 of 27 cases or .81 per cent. in the former and an increase of 423 cases or 5.41 per cent. in the latter.

The decrease, as compared with 1906 in Serious Offences of 27 is shown as follows:—

*Decrease.*

Robbery, .....	13
Unlawful Possession, .....	229
	242

*Increase.*

Murder, .....	6
Burglary or Larceny from dwelling, .....	58
Kidnapping and Protection of Women and Children, .....	10
Larceny, .....	109
Felonies not already given, .....	32
	215

Nett *Decrease*,.....27

2. Table I shows the number and character of the Serious and Minor Offences reported to the Police during the past year, and the number of persons convicted and discharged in connection with these offences.

#### MURDER CASES.

3. On the 7th of March CHAN SING, Master of Cargo-boat No. 7468, reported that while he, his wife, and a brother were going in a small boat from the Harbour Master's Pier to his Cargo-boat, his boat was capsized by the back-wash from a steam-launch. The occupants he said were precipitated into the water and his wife drowned.

One day later the body was picked up and there were several wounds on the head. It is supposed that the husband and his brother hit the woman on the head with an oar and threw her into the water and made the report to cover their crime. Both men absconded after making the report. No arrest has yet been made.

On the 25th of March CHEUNG TAI, age 30, a gardener residing in a matshed with his mother and a man named YIM HUNG and his family at Telegraph Bay, Pokfulam, ran amok with a chopper and attacked YIM HUNG and his two children aged 3 and 6 respectively. YIM HUNG died from his injuries before he reached Hospital. The younger of the two children recovered and the elder died on the 7th of April from his injuries. CHEUNG TAI was convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged, the sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life.

On the 3rd of April at about 5.30 a.m. the body of CHEUNG KIU, a widow, age about 46 years, residing alone in a house at No. 6 San Shan in the Hung Hom District, was found on the floor of her house by a neighbour who saw the door open. From the appearance of the body and medical testimony death was probably the result of strangulation, a piece of cord was tightly fastened round the neck and robbery appears to have been the motive for the crime. Deceased was known to have jewellery valued over \$100 and this she was wearing the day before her death. When the body was found the jewellery was missing. No arrest.

On the 4th of April a Japanese named ARAKI TUZO, age 32 years, unemployed and of no fixed abode was attacked in a Japanese boarding house at 55 Connaught Road Central by a number of Japanese men who stabbed him on the head and body with knives and swords causing such injuries that he died before removal to Hospital. Tuzo the deceased man was the head of a party who imported Japanese women for immoral purposes and some differences arose between some of the party when it was suspected that Tuzo was not acting honestly towards his own party. They decided to remove him and appoint some one else as their head. Some of the party set off in search of Tuzo who apparently took shelter in the boarding house where they found him and murdered him. Four men were arrested and indicted for murder; they were found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years hard labour each. A number of others connected with the party were arrested and banished from the Colony.

On the 15th of May an Indian named MELA, age 40 years, employed as a watchman by ESSABHOY, PABANY & Co., who lived at No. 4 Hing Lung Lane East, West Point, was murdered in his hut by other Indians who no doubt went there to rob him. Deceased was known to have \$400 in his box, the box was found by the Police broken open and the money and other property stolen. Six Indians were arrested, four of whom were convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged. The sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life. The charge against the other two was withdrawn.

On the 21st of July about 10 a.m. TO CHEUNG, age 30, employed as a foreman in Messrs. A. S. WARSON & Co.'s aerated water factory was found lying in Des Vœux Road near the Taiwan Bank in a dying condition with a wound in the region of his heart. The man died before removal to Hospital. It appears that deceased had been the means of causing the dismissal from the Factory of one or two men who were slack in their work: this led to a fight and resulted in the man's death. Five men were arrested; 3 were convicted and sentenced to be hanged, one was hanged, in the case of the other two the sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life and two were discharged—no information filed against them.

On the 7th of August while the S.S. *Monteagle* was lying in the Kowloon Docks the body of a European woman, age about 30 years, was found by the Carpenter in a trunk which had been placed in the baggage room on the 4th of August. The trunk containing the body was handed over to the Police and the body removed to the Mortuary: the appearance of the body showed that death was caused by strangulation, a lady's dress band was tightly fastened around the neck and secured with a brush which had been used as a tourniquet. Later inquiries revealed the fact that two persons who took a room in the Hongkong Hotel on the 3rd of August in the names of a Mr. and Mrs. JONES were missing from their room, this information led to the identification of the body and later the arrest of the murderer. The body was identified as that of a female named GERTRUDE DAYTON, one of the unfortunate class, and the man as one W. H. ADSETTS who accompanied the woman from Manila, arriving in the Colony by the S.S. *Eastern* on the 3rd of August. The murder was committed sometime in the early morning of the 4th after which the body was put in the trunk and later in the day conveyed on board the steamer then lying at anchor in the Harbour. After disposing of the body ADSETTS fled from the Colony. He was arrested in Chefoo by the United States Authorities and conveyed to Manila whence he was extradited. ADSETTS was brought back to the Colony on the 23rd September, was tried and convicted of murder and hanged.

On the 26th of August the body of a man named FAN MUK FAT, age 38 years, a farmer residing at Pak Ngan Heung Village, Mui Wo, Lantau Island, was found by relatives on the roadside near No. 17 Pak Ngan Heung. It had on it several wounds. Death was the result of a rupture in an enlarged spleen. It transpired that deceased went to the house of a fisherman named TO HING CHUN at 10 p.m. on the 25th, it is alleged for an unlawful purpose, and was beaten by the fisherman and his wife. The fisherman and his wife were arrested and charged with murder and convicted of manslaughter, the man was sentenced to 3 years and the female to 18 months hard labour.

On the 18th of September WONG TAM ON, age 34 years, an earth-coolie living in a matshed at the back of Yaumati employed on the reclamation work was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a stab wound in the side inflicted by another earth-coolie named HU YEUNG KO, age 28, living in the same shed. WONG TAM ON died in Hospital the same day the result of his injuries. HU YEUNG KO absconded immediately after the affray. No arrest was made. The motive for the crime was a quarrel between the two men over a loan of 10 cents which the deceased borrowed and refused to refund.

On the 11th of October the body of a Chinese woman named IM TONG, age 23 years, lately living at 168 To Kwa Wan, was exhumed from a grave on the hillside at Shek Shan in the Hung Hom District. Deceased was a widow and it was said that foul play was the cause of death and that her late husband's relatives were implicated. Four men were arrested and discharged at the Police Court owing to the want of sufficient evidence.

On the 15th of October a man named FU KAT, age 22 years, a carpenter residing in a boat-builder's shed at Mong Kok Tsui in the Yaumati District, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries inflicted by a youth named HO SZE, age 16 years, who struck him with a chisel. FU KAT died in Hospital a day later. Deceased and Ho Sze were relatives and were continually having quarrels over family matters and deceased struck the boy who returned the blow by striking him with a chisel. The boy absconded. No arrest made.

On the 29th of October the body of a man named CHEUNG CHEONG, age 50 years, a hawker who lived in a matshed at Lai Chi Kok in the Sham Shui Po District was found on the floor of his shed with the throat cut and a wound in the fore-arm. Robbery appears to have been the motive for the crime, as it was known by persons living in the neighbourhood that deceased had money and that he had \$25 in his purse. When the body was found no money was forthcoming. No arrest was made.

On the 17th of November the body of a man named CHEUNG FUK, age 50 years, a stone-cutter residing at 59 High Street was removed to the Public Mortuary for Post Mortem examination. Examination showed that deceased died from the effects of a poison. Deceased's concubine LAM KUI *alias* Mo Ho was arrested and charged with administering a poison. She was convicted at the Criminal Sessions and sentenced to be hanged, since commuted to penal servitude.

At 6 a.m. on the 27th of December a Native Officer attached to the 129th Baluchi Regiment, Kowloon, reported to the Police at the Water Police Station that a murder had been committed in a matshed in the lines occupied by 26 men belonging to A. Co. Baluchi Regiment. In consequence of this report the Police went to the shed, where they found the body of a sepoy, one WAZIR KHAN, age 23, underneath the bed of another sepoy named MAHOMED KHAN of the same Regiment, the latter man had previously been removed to the Military Hospital suffering from severe knife wounds in the face, neck, hand and arms supposed to have been inflicted by the deceased who was not of the residents of the shed and who it is supposed entered the shed to murder MAHOMED KHAN whom he had previously threatened. A Magistrate's enquiry was held: Verdict—Murder against some person or persons unknown.

#### MANSLAUGHTER CASES.

4. On the 10th of January a coolie named U LUK, age 21 years, was convicted of burglary at No. 109 Kau Lung Tong; he was sentenced to 6 months hard labour and 4 hours stocks. After being admitted to Gaol he showed symptoms of illness and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where he died two days later the result of a ruptured spleen. The complainant and a witness in the burglary case were both arrested and charged with causing his death and were discharged at the Police Court.

On the 12th of March LO CHING, age 33, a vegetable hawker residing in a matshed at AP MA LIN in the Yaumati District was beaten by four men. The deceased was hawking his vegetables near Temple Street when a dispute arose with a coolie who wanted to borrow the hawker's basket. Deceased died on the street the result of a ruptured spleen. Four men were arrested: 3 convicted and sentenced to 6 months hard labour each and the fourth discharged.

On the 18th of August LEUNG WAN, age 34, a street coolie residing at No. 108 Second Street was removed to the Tung Wah Hospital by his brother suffering from injuries caused by a fall into the Engine-room of the S.S. *Po Cheung*. The man died in Hospital a day later, the cause of death was fracture of the vertebral column. It appears that the deceased with other coolies rushed on board looking for employment and was pushed by an Indian Watchman employed on board which caused the man to fall. The Indian was arrested and convicted and sentenced to two months hard labour.

On the 22nd of August LI CHÜ, a vegetable gardener residing at Cheung Sha Wan in the Sham Shiu Po District, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from an injury in the head inflicted by two Indians who struck him with a bamboo pole. LI CHÜ died in Hospital a day later, the cause of death was a fractured skull. The deceased had been watering his vegetables from the well and he was accused by the two Indians of making the water dirty. The Indians snatched the man's pole and struck him in the head with it. Three men were arrested, two were convicted and sentenced to 1 year hard labour each and the third man was discharged.

On the 27th of August the body of a man named LUN TSOI, age 28 years, furniture-maker, who lived in the Kwong On Club, New Street, was found by the Police in French Street, West Point. Police investigation showed that the motive for the crime was a dispute between the members of different Triad Clubs, a number of whom met at Shek Tong Tsui to fight out their disputes. Deceased and some of his party who did not go to Shek Tong Tsui waylaid some of the members of the other Clubs near Water Street and deceased was driven into French Street where he was fatally stabbed. Four men were arrested, one was convicted at the Criminal Sessions and sentenced to 7 years hard labour, two were discharged by the Police Magistrate and the other at the Sessions.

On the 1st of September WAN TAM MUI, age 28, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries the result of having been beaten by a number of men in the Wanchai Market; the man died on the 6th of September. The cause of death being a rupture of the spleen. Deceased was a hawker and went to the market to purchase pork and had a quarrel with the stallholder and his fokis whom he accused of assaulting him. Four men were arrested and discharged by the Police Magistrate.

On the 22nd of October a man named CHAN SING KIU, a passenger on board the S.S. *Japan*, from Singapore, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where he died a day later; the cause of death was a rupture of the spleen. It appears that while the ship was moored alongside the Tanjong-Pagar Wharf at Singapore and shortly before leaving for Hongkong a fight between Indian and Chinese passengers took place about selecting comfortable quarters on deck. One man (Indian) was arrested and discharged by the Police Magistrate.

GANG ROBBERIES.

5. There were 6 gang robberies reported during the year. In connection with 3 of these cases, 12 prisoners were arrested, 9 being convicted and 3 discharged. In 3 cases no arrest was made.

Two of these robberies took place in the City of Victoria, 1 occurring in the Eastern and 1 in the Central District.

Of the remaining 4, 1 was reported from Tsim Tsa Tsui, and 3 from the New Territories.

STREET AND HIGHWAY ROBBERIES.

6. Twenty-two cases were reported. In connection with 7 of these cases 14 prisoners were arrested, 4 being convicted and 10 discharged. In 15 cases no arrest was made. Of these robberies (Highway), two affected Europeans, viz. :—

On the 17th of September while a seaman named ARTHUR GIESE who lived in the Sailors' Home was riding in a ricksha in the Queen's Road and when a little distance past the Ko Shing Theatre going West, the driver suddenly dropped the shafts of his vehicle and threw his fare out. The fare was suddenly pounced on by the driver and two others who robbed the man of a purse containing \$30. The men were arrested but owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the evidence the Police Magistrate discharged the 3 men.

On the 6th of November while Mrs. GIBBS was walking on Plantation Road towards the Tram Station, she was suddenly attacked by a Chinaman who had the appearance of a houseboy who stole a silver chain purse containing some small silver and a handkerchief, total value about \$10. An advertisement giving the man's description failed to get any information.

ROBBERIES ON BOATS AND JUNKS.

7. Four cases were reported, of which 2 occurred in the New Territories. In connection with 1 of these cases 4 prisoners were arrested and convicted. In 3 cases, no arrest was made.

8. An impudent case of larceny occurred when the thief took the brass hinges off the Chinese Constables' beds at the Central Station representing himself to be an employee of the Public Works Department. He made the attempt once too often with the result that he was convicted, birched and imprisoned.

FELONIES NOT ALREADY GIVEN.

9. Under this heading are comprised the following :—

Attempted Arson, .....	1
Administering Poison, .....	1
Cutting and Wounding,.....	17
Demanding money with menaces,.....	11
Embezzlement, .....	27
Forgery, .....	22
Housebreaking, .....	135
Manslaughter, .....	7
Shooting and Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, ...	3
Abominable Offences,.....	9

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GAMBLING.

10. One hundred and forty-seven gambling warrants were executed and convictions obtained (150 in 1906).

PROPERTY REPORTED STOLEN AND PROPERTY RECOVERED.

11. The estimated value of the property reported stolen during the year was \$141,353.98.

The value of the property recovered by the Police and restored to owners was \$18,787.02.

LOST PROPERTY.

12. The following is a return showing property lost or recovered during the year 1907 : —

Articles reported lost.	Value lost.	Articles recovered and Articles found which were not reported lost.	Value found.
293	\$19,870.72	149	\$1,870.24

WOMEN AND GIRLS' PROTECTION ORDINANCE.

13. Number of Brothel-keepers convicted and fined, .....	52
Number of Brothel-keepers absconded after warrants were taken out,..	6
Number of Brothel-keepers discharged by Police Magistrate, .....	1
Number of cases reported by the Hon. Registrar General, .....	33
Number of convictions in cases reported by the Hon. Registrar General,	2
Number of keepers absconded after warrants were taken out in cases reported by the Hon. Registrar General, .....	4
Number of cases reported by Army and Navy, no proceedings taken,	43
Number of cases discharged by the Police Magistrate, .....	1
Number of cases reported, on inquiries being made, found not to be brothels, .....	34
Total, .....	<u>176</u>

Number of visits to the different houses reported,.....528

Number of convictions under the Chinese Registration Ordinance,...	7
Number of convictions for soliciting Prostitution in the Public Street,	1
Number of convictions for living on the proceeds of Prostitution,.....	1
Number of Brothels closed by order of the Police Magistrate,.....	1
Total,.....	<u>10</u>

OPIUM WARRANTS.

14. Two thousand seven hundred and eighty-one (2,781) Search Warrants for prepared opium were executed by the Police and Excise Officers of the Opium Farmer, as compared with 3,128 in 1906. In 787 cases Opium was found and 1,057 persons were arrested.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

15. The Examiner of Weights and Measures made the following verifications :—

	Examined.	Correct.	Incorrect.
European scales, .....	377	377	...
Chinese scales, .....	2,319	2,295	24
Yard measures,.....	261	261	...
Chek measures,.....	590	590	...

The following prosecutions were instituted under the Weights and Measures Ordinance :—

No. of Cases.	Convictions.	Total Amount of Fines.
24	24	\$665.00

DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE.

16. The following prosecutions were instituted under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance :—

No. of Cases.	Convictions.	Total Amount of Fines.
7	7	\$47.00

FOOD AND DRUGS ORDINANCE.

17. No prosecutions were instituted under the Food and Drugs Ordinance.

Samples collected and sent to Analyst were as follows :—

Brandy.	Whisky.	Gin.	Port Wine.	Ale.
4	8	3	3	3

All these samples were certified to be genuine with the exception of one sample of Brandy.

MENDICANTS.

18. Thirty-one beggars were dealt with by the Police Magistrate and three sent to Tung Wah Hospital. 183 were sent to Canton as follows :—

How often sent away.	Canton.
Once, .....	176
Twice, .....	6
Thrice,.....	...
Four Times, .....	...
Five ,, .....	...
Six ,, .....	1
Total,.....	183

#### DEAD BODIES.

19. Table V shows the number of unknown dead bodies found by the Police in the streets and elsewhere during each month of the year.

#### LICENCES.

20. The following licences were issued during 1907.

1,175 Hongkong Jinrickshas.

50 Quarry Bay Jinrickshas.

250 Kowloon Jinrickshas.

37 Private Vehicles (27 Carriages, 6 Motor Cars and 4 Hearses).

1,083 Truck Licences.

644 Hongkong Chairs.

60 Hill District Chairs.

7 Gharis.

14,097 Drivers and Bearers. They are continually coming and going, hence the large number.

#### DOG ORDINANCE.

21. 1,623 dogs were licensed during 1907.

5 watch dogs were licensed free of charge.

110 dogs were destroyed.

54 stray dogs were impounded and restored to owners or ransomed.

#### ARMS ORDINANCE.

22. Eight licences to import and deal in Arms and three to deal in Sporting Arms and Ammunition were issued during 1907. During the whole year a Proclamation has been in force prohibiting the export of warlike stores from the Colony.

The following Arms and Ammunition were confiscated during the year, *viz.* :—

15,036 rounds ammunition, 137 rifles, 37 revolvers, 36 muskets, 16 daggers and swords, 2 fighting irons, 2 cartridge belts, 1 set loading tools, 16 boxes caps, 34 boxes primers, 8 packages and 5½ boxes detonators, 222½ lbs. dynamite, 40 coils fuse and two bayonets.

#### EDUCATION.

23. During the year 7 Europeans and 61 Indians obtained certificates for knowledge of Chinese and 5 Indians obtained certificates for English.

It would appear that the test is too difficult for the Chinese Police.

#### MUSKETRY.

24. The Europeans and Indians were put through the usual course of Musketry, 55 Europeans and 99 Indians qualified as marksmen.

#### IDENTIFICATION BY FINGER IMPRESSIONS.

25. 185 persons were identified as recidivists, of whom 28 had not served their sentences in gaol having paid fines. 7 were Straits Settlements deportees. Of the 150 who went to gaol 145 were recognised by the gaol warders as having been previously convicted.



### CONDUCT.

26. The conduct of the European contingent has been on the whole good. The total number of reports against them was 56 as against 59 in 1906. There were 16 reports for being drunk or under the influence of drink as against 10 in 1906; one for sleeping on duty (same as last year), 3 for disorderly conduct and 2 for neglect of duty. Nine of the 16 cases of drunkenness, and 15 of the other offences, were committed by men who are no longer in the Force. One European Constable was convicted by the Police Magistrate for being drunk and incapable when off duty, one for assault and one for desertion. 90 men had no offence recorded against them.

The conduct of the Indian contingent was fair. There were 465 reports, as against 448 for the preceding year. For drunkenness there were 61 as against 45, for disorderly conduct 23, as against 33, for neglect of duty 52 as against 46, for absence from duty 51 as against 65, for gossiping and idling on duty 91 as against 107 and for sleeping on duty 40 as against 35. Anxiety to get away to Canada caused men to commit themselves in order to be released from their engagements. 211 men had no report. Nine Indian Constables were convicted by the Police Magistrate, 5 for assault, 1 for indecent behaviour, 1 for being drunk and unfit for duty, 1 for disobeying orders and 1 for larceny.

The behaviour of the Chinese contingent showed improvement. There were altogether 1,086 reports, as against 1,129 in 1906. There were 5 reports for drunkenness as against 1, 104 for sleeping on duty as against 113, 11 for disorderly conduct as against 23, and 356 for minor offences as against 387.

Two Sergeant Interpreters were convicted by the Police Magistrate, 1 for larceny and 1 for forging the signature of a European Sergeant and 8 Constables for the following offences: 3 for assault, 1 for giving false testimony, 3 for demanding money by menaces and 1 for larceny.

167 men of this contingent were not reported during the year.

The Seamen, Coxswains, Engineers and Stokers had 228 reports as compared with 300 for last year. For drunkenness there was no report (same as last year), 102 for absence from Station and late for duty as against 193 in the previous year.

Two Seamen were convicted by the Police Magistrate, one for fighting and one for larceny; and one Engineer for assault.

63 had no report recorded against them.

### REWARDS.

27. Two European Sergeants were granted medals for smart and energetic detective work and one Chinese Constable was granted a medal for long and faithful service; two Chinese Constables were granted rewards for zeal displayed in the discharge of their duty and one Chinese Constable was commended by His Excellency the Governor and granted a reward for plucky conduct in arresting a soldier for robbery. A European Lance Sergeant and a European Constable were commended for rescuing two Chinese from drowning.

### NOTABLE EVENTS.

28. At about 1 p.m. on the 28th January a sudden and very violent squall, accompanied by heavy rain and hail, swept over the island and harbour, capsizing many boats and causing loss of life. Seventy-one rowing boats, 22 cargo boats, 7 junks, 1 fishing boat and 1 ballast boat were capsized in the harbour, and 24 adults and 48 children were drowned; 50 bodies were subsequently recovered by the Police, and 6 by the Tung Wah Hospital launch. Launches and boats belonging to the Police, Harbour, Naval and Military Departments, besides a number of privately owned ones, were soon at work rescuing people from the water and righting the capsized craft. Through their means about 110 persons were rescued from drowning. A Chinese launch owner named NG SO TAI dived beneath a capsized sampan and, at the risk of his own life, rescued therefrom a woman and child. For this brave act he was subsequently awarded the Belilios Medal.

On the 1st August part of Hongkong Hotel Buildings collapsed. The Directors wrote to thank the Police and Fire Brigade for the prompt and able assistance given in the work of rescue.

On December 5th, 6th, and 7th a Chinese Procession took place. His Excellency the Governor was good enough to express his approval of the Police arrangements made and the way in which they were carried out on this occasion.

HEALTH.

29. Admissions to Hospital during the last three years were as follows :—

Nationality.	1905 Strength 1,018.	1906 Strength 1,047.	1907 Strength 1,048.
Europeans .....	102	98	132
Indians .....	407	375	421
Chinese .....	187	224	187

Return of Police treated in Government Civil Hospital for fever or dengue fever from 1st January to 31st December, 1907 :—

Nationality.	Old Territories.	New Territories.
Europeans .....	26	...
Indians .....	72	18
Chinese .....	20	4

In addition to cases treated in Hospital for fever or dengue fever, the cases treated for fever in the various Stations in the New Territories without being removed to Hospital were Europeans 12, Indians 45 and Chinese 13.

EXECUTIVE STAFF.

30. I acted as Captain Superintendent of Police and Mr. WODEHOUSE as Deputy Superintendent of Police from the 7th September, when Mr. BADELEY left the Colony on leave of absence.

POLICE FORCE.

31. Eighteen Europeans were engaged during the year, 12 were recruited from England and 6 enlisted locally.

Table VI shows changes in the personnel of the Force during the year, and Table VII the numbers of the several contingents and the total cost for the past five years.

NEW TERRITORIES.

32. I attach a report on the policing of the New Territories by Mr. HALLIFAX (Appendix B).

F. W. LYONS,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.

13th February, 1908.

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**Appendix A.**

*Report on the Police School.*

POLICE SCHOOL,  
HONGKONG, 16th January, 1908.

To The Captain Superintendent of Police.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you the report on the Police School for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

2. The only change on the staff is that I.P.S. JHANDY KHAN has been appointed in charge of English School at No. 8 Station, to enable Indian Constables there to continue their study of English during absence from the Central Station.

3. At your visit of inspection on the 30th December last, your kind offer of prizes for efficiency, (a) in English Conversation, (b) in Reading and Writing English for Indian Constables, Indian Gaol Staff, and for Chinese Constables, will, I feel certain, give an additional impetus to their work.

4. During the year 1907 the following Police Constables obtained the necessary certificates of exemption :—

January,.....	E. P. C.s.:	—54, 66, 43, 9, 51, 68, 47.
July, .....	E. P. C.s.:	—111, 116, 117, 1, 62.
July, .....	I. P. C.s.:	—669, 540, 789, 595, 570, 770, 827, 699.
	I. A. W.s.:	—11.
December, .....	E. P. C.s.:	—24, 104, 115, 36, 98, 108, 86, 100, 37, 47, 30, 58.
December, .....	I. P. C.s.:	—508, 859, 867, 592, 834.
	Gaol Guards:	—58, 85.
	I. A. W.s.:	—50, 91.

A total of passes as follows :—

E. P. C.s.....	24
I. P. C.s.....	13
Gaol Guards, .....	2
Assistant Warders,.....	3
<b>Total, .....</b>	<b>42</b>

5. The total attendance during the year was :—

Central Station, .....	7,129
No. 8 Station, .....	170
<b>Total, .....</b>	<b>7,299</b>

School was open on 100 days giving an average daily attendance of 73.

The highest attendance was on 10th December, when 109 men were present.

6. The number of units present were as under :—

E. P. C.s.....	36
I. P. C.s .....	196
C. P. C.s.....	248
Gaol Staff, .....	68
Botanical Garden boys, .....	2
<b>Total, .....</b>	<b>550</b>

ARTHUR W. GRANT, B.A. (Canterbury),  
*Master in Charge.*

## Appendix B.

### *Report of the District Officer and Collector on the New Territories for 1907.*

1. The change of most importance during the year has of course been the beginning of the Railway. A great number of New Territories natives have found employment in connection with it, and they have done well out of it—so well in fact that the minimum monthly rate of wages has gone up from \$7.30 to \$9 for any kind of unskilled work: a rate as high as that obtaining in Hongkong. In spite of this however the construction work has not been an unmixed blessing even to the natives themselves; the kind of adventurer that is attracted to any spot newly busy has been quite sufficiently in evidence all along the line, and seems unfortunately to have done fairly well. And this in spite of a marked absence of serious crime; his profits have been made by methods which laid him open only to civil action. A great number of cases of this kind have been brought to Tai Po during the year, and while a number have been more or less successfully settled, the task is getting a more and more difficult one. Debtors are beginning to see the advantages of being obdurate, for the Summary Court in Hongkong has more terror for their Creditors than for them. Partly due perhaps to a number of cases of this kind, and partly also to the closer intercourse with imported coolies and outside traders is the rather regrettable fact that the natives on this side of the country are shewing signs of becoming civilised—of losing, that is, their own proper simplicity.

2. As compared with the Railway, nothing of any great note has occurred during the year. The readiness with which the Crown Rent was paid—it could hardly be taken fast enough—was a pleasing sign of a growing prosperity and of content with things as they are. Other signs are not wanting that the condition of the population is improving; the making of several roads by private village enterprise, of a kind much superior to anything here existing before 1898: the erection of a number of new houses, though any advance in this is perhaps counterbalanced by the fact that quite number have also been vacated. As far as can be seen however the reasons for this desertion are mostly particular—the houses are inferior ones which would not pay for repair, something has occurred to ruin their *Fung Shui*, or the owners have died without heirs; they contain nothing to discount the idea of a generally increasing prosperity. The markets are busy—those at a distance from the line as well as the nearer ones; and local capitalists seem to have been studying the railway methods with a view of starting works of their own—preferably brick-making. Best of all, there has been very marked reduction in the cases of serious crime reported—and this in spite of the fact that the state of things over the border seems to be no better than it ever was.

3. The one great want of the country is proper roads. Quite a few of the local business men are waiting to put into practice the lesson they have learnt from the railway bullock carts, and the opening of the new Ping Shan to Castle Peak Road is very keenly looked forward to as the beginning of a proper road system. As long as there is no internal communication in the Territories, local enterprise has little opportunity; when the opportunity offers, there is not a little capital ready to take advantage of it to the full.

E. R. HALLIFAX,  
*District Officer and Collector.*

9th February, 1908.

Table I.

RETURN of SERIOUS and MINOR OFFENCES reported to have been committed during the Year 1907, with the Results of such Reports.

1907.	Rohberies 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.		Offences against Ord. of 1877 (Protection of Women & Girls).		Unlawful Possession.		Privacy.		Drunkenness.		Mistakes.		No Pass or Light.		Miscellaneous Offences.			Euro-Asians and Amer-icans.		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.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.								
January,...	2	..	9	4	29	1	..	..	..	239	103	19	26	12	6	99	136	6	43	349	11	1	..	2	5	1	4	29	22	10	..	..	..	3	183	..	..	..	457	496	27	18	1	3	1	1,103	82	1,125
February,...	4	1	10	..	21	..	..	..	..	226	85	16	22	6	1	53	78	5	40	224	1	2	..	1	2	1	3	19	26	1	..	..	..	6	70	..	..	..	283	314	25	9	..	4	1	722	53	762
March,.....	3	1	15	2	19	1	..	..	..	12	87	25	22	10	2	79	130	5	21	188	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	83	83	3	..	..	..	19	195	..	..	..	409	477	31	7	4	2	4	921	69	982
April,.....	..	..	11	3	18	1	..	1	1	181	89	13	16	9	4	91	115	18	25	207	1	3	..	1	7	4	3	30	24	11	..	..	..	10	167	..	..	..	445	469	37	10	2	4	1	938	82	1,068
May,.....	4	6	11	4	17	..	..	..	..	248	17	37	25	13	15	88	121	19	25	192	2	..	..	..	5	3	3	31	17	4	..	..	..	9	121	..	..	..	396	561	32	14	3	17	6	968	167	1,054
June,.....	1	..	6	2	17	1	2	1	..	176	82	11	21	11	..	105	147	15	27	229	1	1	..	..	8	4	6	35	27	2	..	..	..	12	180	..	..	..	454	493	22	19	1	4	..	966	71	1,013
July,.....	3	3	3	..	20	1	..	..	..	170	80	19	15	10	4	114	204	32	23	196	5	..	..	..	5	2	3	29	30	2	..	..	..	8	147	..	..	..	577	582	54	18	3	5	..	1,065	86	1,089
August,.....	4	..	4	1	12	..	..	..	..	170	8	23	18	13	10	107	163	12	19	125	2	3	3	2	19	12	11	20	25	4	..	..	..	9	74	..	..	..	446	481	29	18	5	9	3	1,087	82	1,069
September,...	5	2	4	9	26	2	1	1	2	181	69	24	15	7	5	110	181	9	18	104	..	..	..	..	7	4	3	14	13	3	..	..	..	10	58	..	..	..	388	431	11	21	2	17	1	778	57	816
October,....	..	..	11	2	21	3	..	..	..	146	63	20	27	6	12	96	145	14	15	105	10	..	..	..	7	4	3	23	25	5	..	..	..	14	125	..	..	..	448	500	24	15	2	6	3	832	89	945
November,...	4	4	15	6	16	1	1	1	..	143	79	21	26	11	4	79	124	16	27	396	4	2	..	..	16	14	3	21	31	6	..	..	..	7	79	..	..	..	468	550	28	14	5	10	3	1,063	74	1,077
December,...	2	..	6	13	21	1	..	..	..	197	63	25	16	4	2	95	161	12	31	273	..	1	2	..	12	10	4	29	28	4	..	..	..	11	89	..	..	..	288	456	15	16	..	9	3	1,010	65	1,305
Total,....	32	17	117	32	240	12	3	5	5	2,323	1,006	251	247	112	65	1,119	1,708	163	315	2,668	37	13	5	6	98	62	46	321	331	55	..	..	..	118	1,405	..	..	..	5,177	5,786	315	179	28	92	23	11,312	908	11,563

40 European Prisoners absconded from bail.  
 1 Indian  
 124 Chinese



Table III.

RETURN OF SERIOUS OFFENCES REPORTED TO THE POLICE, DURING THE 10 YEARS ENDING 1907, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS ARRESTED, CONVICTED AND DISCHARGED.

YEAR.	Murder.			Robbery.			Burglary and Larceny in Dwelling House.			Assault with Intent to Rob.			Kidnapping and Protection of Women and Girls.			Piracy.			Unlawful Possession.			Larceny.			Felonies not already given.			All Serious Offences.								
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.						
1898, .....	1	2	2	15	15	15	15	170	29	7	33	2	2	2	40	63	3	66	436	434	49	503	2,124	1,042	132	1,174	147	47	13	60	2,035	1,654	204	1,858		
1899, .....	6	5	8	85	48	23	71	247	42	29	62	3	1	1	35	32	18	50	389	384	59	443	2,432	1,023	226	1,243	194	54	6	60	3,392	1,589	349	1,938		
1900, .....	4	2	2	59	45	13	58	316	57	21	78	7	3	3	37	21	37	58	434	418	80	528	2,477	1,112	277	1,419	193	58	25	83	3,532	1,779	453	2,232		
1901, .....	4	6	8	82	51	15	65	301	43	6	49	2	...	...	22	10	18	28	388	412	75	487	2,421	1,130	315	1,445	182	56	25	81	3,404	1,710	458	2,168		
1902, .....	4	3	4	66	39	26	65	401	65	20	85	5	4	5	33	17	29	46	431	483	87	570	2,742	1,247	330	1,577	256	73	51	124	3,998	1,931	545	2,476		
Total, .....	19	18	24	307	198	77	275	1,435	236	74	310	19	10	14	167	143	105	248	2,138	2,181	350	2,531	12,196	5,584	1,274	6,858	972	288	120	408	17,261	8,663	2,009	10,672		
1903, .....	8	4	4	99	52	42	94	481	53	19	72	5	1	2	49	31	40	71	526	543	73	616	3,281	1,565	297	1,862	412	132	55	207	4,862	2,401	527	2,928		
1904, .....	4	3	4	54	16	17	33	374	44	10	54	5	2	3	90	73	33	106	427	422	87	509	2,338	1,075	239	1,314	230	111	36	147	3,532	1,746	424	2,170		
1905, .....	6	2	8	48	30	6	36	330	27	10	37	7	6	6	90	68	37	105	284	303	57	360	2,036	953	246	1,199	183	84	37	121	2,981	1,473	401	1,874		
1906, .....	8	4	5	45	13	18	31	299	20	2	22	5	3	6	99	77	32	109	550	568	79	647	2,126	954	240	1,194	201	78	43	121	3,333	1,717	418	2,135		
1907, .....	14	16	8	32	17	13	30	357	44	5	49	5	5	5	109	67	52	119	321	331	55	386	2,235	1,016	254	1,270	233	96	52	148	3,306	1,592	444	2,036		
Total, .....	40	29	18	47	278	128	96	224	181	46	234	27	17	5	22	437	316	194	510	2,108	2,167	351	2,518	12,016	5,563	1,276	6,839	7,238	521	2,223	744	18,917	8,929	2,214	11,443	
Average of 1st period, .....	3.8	3.6	1.2	4.8	31.4	39.6	15.4	55.0	37.9	47.2	14.8	62.0	3.8	2.0	0.2	2.2	33.4	28.6	21.0	49.6	427.6	436.2	70.0	506.2	2,439.2	1,116.8	254.8	1,371.6	194.4	57.6	24.0	81.6	3,152.2	1,732.6	401.8	2,134.1
Average of 2nd period, .....	8.0	5.8	3.6	9.4	55.6	25.6	19.2	44.8	33.2	37.6	9.2	46.8	5.4	3.4	1.0	4.4	37.4	63.2	38.8	102.0	421.6	433.4	70.2	503.6	2,403.2	1,112.6	255.2	1,367.8	253.6	101.2	44.6	148.8	3,603.4	1,735.8	442.8	2,228.6

**Table IV.**

RETURN OF MINOR OFFENCES REPORTED TO THE POLICE, DURING THE 10 YEARS ENDING 1907, SHOWING NUMBER OF PRISONERS ARRESTED, CONVICTED AND DISCHARGED.

YEAR.	ASSAULT.				GAMBLING.				MISCELLANEOUS.				DRUNKENNESS.	NUISANCES.	No LIGHT OR PASS.	ALL MINOR OFFENCES.			
	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.
1898,	1,765	2,380	242	2,622	255	1,077	55	1,132	4,531	5,412	307	5,719	161	989	...	7,661	8,869	604	9,473
1899,	1,414	1,595	281	1,876	199	661	70	731	3,170	3,434	320	3,754	133	715	...	5,631	5,690	671	6,361
1900,	1,531	1,891	344	2,235	324	1,564	33	1,599	3,265	3,625	375	4,000	182	1,039	...	6,341	7,080	754	7,834
1901,	1,620	2,034	297	2,331	265	1,517	42	1,559	3,267	3,844	390	4,234	150	466	...	5,768	7,395	729	8,124
1902,	1,287	1,667	271	1,938	259	1,378	17	1,395	3,653	4,562	571	5,133	167	1,057	...	6,423	7,607	859	8,466
Total,	7,617	9,567	1,435	11,002	1,312	6,197	219	6,416	17,886	20,877	1,963	22,840	793	4,216	...	31,824	36,641	3,617	40,258
1903,	1,169	1,539	269	1,808	204	1,101	44	1,145	4,134	4,475	440	4,915	160	723	...	6,390	7,115	753	7,868
1904,	1,160	1,575	269	1,944	166	890	25	915	5,466	6,074	497	6,571	191	1,297	...	8,280	8,339	791	9,330
1905,	1,239	1,823	165	1,988	178	1,404	87	1,491	5,842	6,663	405	7,068	161	1,113	...	8,533	9,890	657	10,547
1906,	1,136	1,705	172	1,877	299	2,463	44	2,504	5,055	5,589	472	6,061	112	1,179	...	7,811	9,754	688	10,442
1907,	1,119	1,708	163	1,871	315	2,498	37	2,535	5,177	5,785	315	6,100	118	1,505	...	8,234	9,991	515	10,506
Total,	5,623	8,350	1,038	9,388	1,162	8,353	237	8,590	25,704	28,586	2,129	29,815	742	5,817	...	39,248	45,289	3,404	48,693
Average of 1st period,...	1523.4	1913.4	287.0	2200.4	262.4	1239.4	43.8	1283.2	3577.2	4175.4	392.6	4568.0	158.6	843.2	...	6364.8	7328.2	723.4	8051.6
Average of 2nd period,...	1164.6	1670.0	207.6	1877.6	232.4	1670.6	47.4	1718.0	5140.8	5717.2	425.8	5963.0	148.4	1163.4	...	7849.6	9057.8	680.8	9738.6



Table V.  
Dumped Bodies, 1907.

1907.	VICTORIA.				KOWLOON.				HARBOUR.				ELSEWHERE.				TOTAL.
	UNDER 4 YEARS.		4 YEARS AND OVER.		UNDER 4 YEARS.		4 YEARS AND OVER.		UNDER 4 YEARS.		4 YEARS AND OVER.		UNDER 4 YEARS.		4 YEARS AND OVER.		
	Male.	Female.	Sex unknown.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Sex unknown.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Sex unknown.	Male.	Female.		
January, .....	23	27	..	10	3	13	7	1	7	2	1	1	..	9	1	107	
February, .....	26	23	..	10	7	7	8	..	6	3	13	..	4	..	..	125	
March, .....	36	30	..	18	9	7	8	1	9	8	2	2	..	6	1	145	
April, .....	25	33	1	10	10	6	14	..	5	3	1	4	..	5	1	132	
May, .....	27	27	1	16	6	10	11	..	10	..	4	4	..	10	..	137	
June, .....	20	18	..	5	7	11	16	1	9	..	4	2	..	6	1	108	
July, .....	22	16	..	16	1	10	14	1	9	5	2	2	..	5	..	108	
August, .....	19	14	..	8	..	6	5	..	7	2	1	..	2	7	..	85	
September, .....	13	7	1	12	3	4	4	1	10	1	3	3	..	7	3	89	
October, .....	11	12	..	5	1	10	13	..	4	2	1	2	..	3	..	77	
November, .....	12	7	1	8	..	8	9	1	11	..	8	2	..	4	1	81	
December, .....	13	12	1	8	3	9	9	1	5	2	2	2	..	2	1	79	
Total, .....	247	226	5	121	50	101	118	7	92	30	28	24	..	70	32	1,273	

Males 758  
Females 503  
Unknown 12  

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1,273

**Table VI.**

RETURN SHOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT, ENLISTMENTS AND CASUALTIES IN THE POLICE FORCE, 1907.

Nationality.	Establishment of the Force.	Enlistments.	Death.	Resignation through sickness.	Resignation through Expiry of terms of service or otherwise.	Dismissal or Desertions.	Total Number of Casualties.
Europeans, .....	135	18	...	1	8	8	17
Indians, .....	410	59	5	5	16	31	57
Chinese, .....	503	103	4	4	29	68	105
Total, .....	*1,048	180	9	10	53	107	179

\*This number includes the Police paid for by other Departments and Private Firms and also the Engineers, Coxswains, and Stokers, but is exclusive of :—

- 1 Captain Superintendent.
- 1 Deputy Superintendent.
- 2 Assistant Superintendents (one of them District Officer, N. T.).
- 1 Probationer.
- 1 Accountant.
- 1 Clerk and Hindustani Interpreter.
- 3 Clerks.
- 6 Telephone Clerks.
- 81 Coolies.

Strength on 31st December, 1907 :—

128 Europeans (7 short of Establishment).  
 410 Indians.  
 503 Chinese.

**Total, \*1,041**

**Table VII.**

TABLE SHOWING STRENGTH OF THE POLICE FORCE AND THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON IT FOR FIVE YEARS.

Year.	STRENGTH OF THE FORCE.			Total Strength.	Total Expenditure.
	Europeans.	Indians.	Chinese.		
1903	133	367	421	921	\$512,860.20
1904	133	375	485	993	506,008.34
1905	133	382	503	1,018*	521,057.72
1906	133	410	504	1,047	515,874.08
1907	135	410	503	1,048	520,169.75

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE BRIGADE  
FOR THE YEAR 1907.

There were 39 Fires and 76 Incipient Fires during the year as against 30 and 67 in 1906. Details with regard to these Fires are given in Tables I and II.

The estimated damage caused by Fires was \$214,710.65 and by Incipient Fires \$1,541.90.

The Brigade turned out 56 times during the year.

2. There was constant supply of water in the Fire Mains throughout the year.

3. One Fire occurred in the harbour during the year.

4. I attach a list of places where Fire Despatch Boxes and Fire Alarms are stationed and of private telephones to which the Police have access in the event of a Fire (Appendix A). I also enclose a copy of a report by the Engineer on the state of Fire Engines (Appendix B).

5. The conduct of the Brigade has been good.

F. W. LYONS,  
*Superintendent of Fire Brigade.*

13th February, 1908.

Appendix A.

*List of Places where Fire Brigade Despatch Boxes are kept.*

1 Box. Kennedy's Stable Leighton Hill Road.	1 Box. Gough Hill Police Station.
2 Boxes. Engine House at No. 2 Police Station.	1 " Engine House No. 7 Police Station.
1 Box. Naval Dockyard, Queen's Road.	1 " Bonham Strand West, at West End.
1 " Clock Tower.	1 " Gas House, West Point.
1 " Government Offices.	1 " Fat Hing Street, at Queen's Road West.
1 " Government House.	1 " Ko Shing Theatre.
1 " No. 10, Queen's Garden, Registrar General's House.	1 " Government Lunatic Asylum.
1 " Central Police Station.	1 " Nam Pak Hong Insurance Office.
1 " Wellington Street at Lyndhurst Terrace.	1 " Man Mo Temple.
1 " Government Civil Hospital.	3 Boxes. No. 5 Police Station.
1 " Stanton Street, at Sing Wong Street.	1 Box. Kennedy Town Hospital.
1 " Water Lane, at Queen's Road Central.	1 " Collinson Street West.
1 " Robinson Road corner of Seymour Terrace.	1 " No. 552, Connaught Road West.
1 " No. 6 Police Station, Peak.	1 " Pumping Station, Yau-ma-ti.
1 " No. 11, Mountain View, Peak.	1 " Yau-ma-ti Police Station.
1 " Botanical Department, Garden Road.	1 " Hung Hom
2 Boxes. Tsun Tsa Tsui Police Station.	1 " Mong Kok Tsui Market.
	1 " Government Observatory, Kowloon.
	1 " Sham Shui Po Police Station.
	1 " Tai Kok Tsui Market.

*List of Telephones to which the Police can have access to communicate with  
Central Station in the event of a Fire breaking out.*

Hongkong and China Gas Company, East and West Points, from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M.	Hongkong Hotel, Des Vœux Road Central.
Tung Wah Hospital, Po Yan Street.	Royal Naval Yard, Queen's Road East.
Man On Insurance Office, Queen's Road West.	Mr. J. KENNEDY's, Causeway Bay.
	Electric Light Company, Queen's Road East.

FIRE ALARMS.

- Clock Tower.  
Old Harbour Master's Office at Wing Lok Street.  
Hollywood Road at Queen's Road West.  
Wilmer Street at Des Vœux Road West.
- \* Blake Pier at Pedder Street.
  - \* Lyndhurst Terrace at Wellington Street End.
  - \* Central Market at Des Vœux Road.
  - \* Staunton Street at Sing Wong Street.
  - \* Canton Wharf at Hillier Street.
  - \* Man Mo Temple at Ladder Street.
  - \* Jervois Street at Hillier Street.
  - \* Tung Wah Hospital at Po Yan Street.
  - \* Bonham Strand West, at West End.

**Appendix B.**

HONGKONG, 10th February, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward the Annual Report on the condition of the Government Fire Engines for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

STEAMER NO. 1.

*Floating Fire Engine by Shand, Mason & Co.*

The New Hull was completed on the 10th September and after a satisfactory trial of both pumping and propelling Machinery the vessels was placed on her station for duty and has been regularly used at Drill for Drivers and Fires.

The Hull, Boiler and Machinery are all in good working order.

STEAMER NO. 2.

*Land Engine by Shand, Mason & Co.*

The Boiler of this Engine is 10 years old. It has been regularly used and tested at monthly drill for Drivers and Fires, and is now in good working order.

STEAMER NO. 3.

*Land Engine by Shand, Mason & Co.*

This Engine was thoroughly overhauled in November and a new outer shell fitted to Boiler, after completion of repairs it was tested under steam and found to be in good working order.

\* In course of Construction.

STEAMER No. 4.

*Land Engine by Shand, Mason & Co.*

This Engine has been overhauled as required during the year. It was regularly tested at Drills for Drivers and used at Fires, and is now in good working order.

STEAMER No. 5.

*Land Engine by Shand, Mason & Co.*

A new Boiler supplied by Shand, Mason & Co. was fitted to the Engine in August and the Machinery thoroughly overhauled, it has been tested and used at Drills for Drivers and Fires, and is now in good working order.

MANUAL ENGINES & GEAR.

All the Manual Engines and Gear, Hose, Reels, Ladders and Supply Carts have been kept in repair and are now in good working order.

I have, &c.,

D. MACDONALD,  
*Engineer, Fire Brigade.*

Captain F. W. LYONS,  
*Superintendent, Fire Brigade.*

Appendix C.

STRENGTH OF THE FIRE BRIGADE.

	<i>Europeans.</i>	<i>Chinese.</i>
Superintendent,.....	1	—
Deputy Superintendent,.....	1	—
Assistant Superintendent,.....	1	—
Engineer, .....	1	—
Assistant Engineer and Station Officer, .....	1	—
Clerk,.....	—	1
Engine Drivers,.....	4	2
Assistant Engine Drivers,.....	3	—
Fitter, .....	—	1
Blacksmith, .....	—	1
Carpenter, .....	—	1
Sailmaker, .....	—	1
Stokers, .....	—	7
Overseer of Water Works, .....	1	—
Inspector of Dangerous Goods, .....	1	—
Assistant " " .....	—	1
Foremen, .....	3	—
Assistant Foremen, .....	4	—
Firemen,.....	22	28
Interpreters, .....	1	3
<i>Floating Engine.</i>		
Foreman and Engine Driver, .....	1	—
Engine Driver, .....	—	1
Coxswain, .....	—	1
Stoker, .....	—	1
Seamen, .....	—	2
Total,.....	45	51

Table I.

## FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1907.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
				Wholly.	Partly.			
1	January	1.30 a.m.	Wooden Huts at Ho Man Tin,.....	wooden huts 5	.....	\$ 500.00	Unknown, .....	
2	"	2.10 "	House No. 45, Kowloon City Road,.....	1	1	13,000.00	Sparks from the kitchen stove,.....	
3	"	1.30 "	A small matchshed at An Pui Leung,.....	1	.....	5.00	Unknown, .....	
4	"	2.15 p.m.	Railway Depot, Tai Kok Tsui,.....	.....	1	50,000.00	Sparks from the Engine Room, .....	
5	"	4.20 "	House No. 38, Ship Street,.....	.....	1	3,000.00	Unknown, .....	
6	"	2.00 a.m.	House No. 72, Jervois Street,.....	.....	1	.....	" .....	
7	February	8.40 p.m.	Matchsheds at Ho Man Tin, .....	matchshed 2	.....	1,500.00	" .....	
8	"	5.00 a.m.	House No. 3, Tung Loi Lane, .....	1	.....	4,000.00	" .....	Nine persons were burnt to death.
9	"	9.40 "	On board S.S. <i>Monmouthshire</i> on the high seas.	.....	.....	3,000.00	Spontaneous Combustion, .....	
10	"	8.20 "	House No. 21, Hing Lung Street, .....	.....	1	1,200.00	Unknown, .....	
11	"	8.45 "	House No. 2, Bullock Lane, .....	.....	1	200.00	Sparks from the 1st floor cook-house falling down and igniting rattan on the ground floor, .....	
12	"	4.00 p.m.	Matchsheds used as a Hospital on the Railway Works, Sha Tin, .....	matchsheds 2	.....	1,000.00	Sparks from cook-house falling on the roof of a matchshed, .....	
<i>Carried forward, .....</i>						\$	77,405.00	

FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1907,—Continued.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
				Wholly.	Partly.			
			<i>Brought forward,</i>			\$ 77,405.00		
13	February 28	1.25 p.m.	A match at the Rice Course, .....	.....	.....	.....	Unknown, .....	
14	" 28	10.20 a.m.	House No. 63, Connaught Road Central, ...	1	.....	22,000.00	"	
15	March 1	3.18 "	House No. 20, New Market Street, .....	2	.....	20,000.00	"	
16	" 5	7.25 "	House No. 226, Des Vœux Road Central, ...	.....	1	240.00	Lighted joss sticks, .....	
17	" 14	3.50 "	House No. 4, Sai On Lane, .....	1	.....	5,000.00	Unknown, .....	
18	" 28	12.15 p.m.	House No. 6, Lee Yuen Street East, .....	.....	1	5,000.00	"	
19	April 10	3.5 a.m.	House No. 70, Queen's Road Central, .....	.....	1	4,500.00	Upsetting of an Oil Lamp by a dog or cat, ...	
20	" 13	11.30 p.m.	A grass stack at Hang Hau, Sai Kung, .....	1	.....	90.00	Unknown, .....	
21	June 16	1.10 a.m.	House No. 74, Reclamation Street, .....	3	1	11,600.00	"	
22	July 23	8.30 p.m.	House No. 3, Mason's Lane, .....	1	.....	15,000.00	"	
23	August 9	1.00 a.m.	House No. 21, Praya East, .....	1	.....	700.00	Match dropped on the Kerosine, .....	
24	" 14	9.30 p.m.	House No. 164, Des Vœux Road Central, ...	.....	1	5,700.00	A drying frame became ignited by red hot charcoal used for drying tobacco, .....	
25	" 13	7.45 "	A small storehouse at Tai Po belonging to Mr. Last of Land Office, .....	1	.....	150.00	Unknown, .....	
26	" 19	10.00 a.m.	Matcheds at New Naval Yard Extension, ...	matcheds 2	.....	600.00	A spark from a passing launch, or some person smoking carelessly, .....	
			<i>Carried forward,</i>			\$ 167,985.00		

FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1907,—Continued.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	No. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
				Wholly.	Partly.			
			<i>Brought forward,</i>					
27	August 25	10.45 p.m.	A.S.P. matched at Tai Po,	.....	.....	\$ 167,985.00	Unknown,	
28	" 27	1.30 "	Matcheds at Woug Kok T sui,	1 matcheds	.....	800.00	"	
29	September 15	12.30 a.m.	House No. 180, Wing Lok Street,	11	.....	16,000.00	Explosion of a Kerosine	
30	" 20	2.15 p.m.	Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.'s Works, North Point,	1	.....	1,000.00	Oil Lamp, A stud from cylinder cover of engine being blown out, throwing the kerosine oil on to the boiler,	
31	October 7	1.30 "	On board Cargo-boat No. 1490 in Victoria Harbour alongside S.S. <i>Sultan van Langkat</i> ,	.....	.....	6,221.25	Unknown,	
32	" 17	5.50 "	Matched at Queen's Statue Wharf,	.....	.....	114.40	"	
33	" 18	10.00 a.m.	Blackhead's Point,	1	.....	1,000.00	Spontaneous Combustion,	
34	November 1	1.00 a.m.	House No. 58, Reclamation Street,	.....	.....	1,960.00	Unknown,	
35	" 11	2.00 "	Boiler and Blacksmith's Shop of the Cosmopolitan Dock of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company,	.....	.....	5,000.00	"	
36	" 14	8.30 p.m.	House No. 77, Cheong Po village, Pat Neung Valley, An Tau, N.T.,	.....	.....	400.00	"	
37	December 1	10.00 a.m.	Matcheds at Sai Wan Ho,	.....	.....	700.00	A lighted lamp being accidentally knocked over and setting fire to kerosine oil in a tin,	
38	" 4	1.00 "	House No. 298, Des Vœux Road Central,	6 .....	.....	6,000.00	Unknown,	
39	" 21	7.00 "	A matched at Telegraph Bay,	.....	.....	1,030.00	Lighted candle left burning on a bag of sugar, A 5 years old girl throwing lighted match on to a mosquito curtain,	
				Total,		\$ 214,710.65		





INCIPIENT FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1907,—Continued.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
			<i>Brought forward.....\$</i>	\$		
31	April	4 p.m.	Hillside at Mount Davis, .....	481.40	Grass on fire, .....	Put out by Police and Coolies.
32	"	7.14 "	House No. 7, Lau Kwai Fong, .....	...	Bursting of a kerosine lamp, .....	Brigade.
33	"	12 noon.	Hillside at Mount Davis, .....	...	Grass on fire, .....	Police and Hired Coolies.
34	"	12.40 p.m.	House No. 224, Hollywood Road, .....	...	Unknown, .....	Occupants and Police.
35	"	8 "	Dairy Farm Office, Glenealy, .....	...	Chimney on fire, .....	Police and Employees.
36	"	4.20 "	House No. 54, Stanley Street, .....	...	Attempted Arson, .....	" Occupants.
37	May	9.44 "	44, Wing Lok Street, .....	...	Chimney on fire, .....	Brigade.
38	"	5.30 "	19, Pokfulam Road, .....	50.00	Children playing with joss sticks, .....	Police.
39	"	9.20 "	6, Mountain View, .....	350.00	Exploding of a kerosine lamp, .....	Occupants.
40	"	4.30 a.m.	On board Steam-launch <i>Hoi How</i> in Victoria Harbour, .....	...	Overheating of boiler, .....	the Crew.
41	June	3.15 "	House No. 31, Queen's Road East, .....	5.00	Accident, .....	Police and Occupants.
42	"	2.30 "	Room No. 41, Central Barracks, .....	5.00	" .....	Police.
43	"	1.30 p.m.	House No. 161, Reclamation Street, Yaumati, .....	...	Chimney on fire, .....	Occupants.
44	"	8 "	284, Des Vœux Road West, .....	7.00	Overheating of a drying pan, .....	Police and Occupants.
45	"	8.30 "	123, Queen's Road West, .....	...	Upsetting of a kerosine lamp, .....	" "
46	July	1 a.m.	48, Bonham Strand East, .....	Trifling.	Unknown, .....	" "
47	"	12.45 "	A small store at the back of Ordnance Department, .....	...	" .....	Brigade.
48	"	2.45 "	House No. 174, Des Vœux Road Central, .....	30.00	Upsetting of a lamp, .....	Police and Occupants.
49	"	12.15 a.m.	A house in Wing Sing Street, .....	...	Chimney on fire, .....	" "
50	"	12.50 "	House No. 31, Elgin Street, .....	.50	Accident, .....	Occupants.
51	August	3.30 p.m.	104, The Peak, .....	50.00	Sparks from a stove, .....	Watchmen and Servants.
52	"	6.10 "	87, First Street, .....	...	Chimney on fire, .....	Police and Inmates.
53	"	7.15 "	Hotel Mansions, 2nd floor, .....	40.00	Overheating of a kerosine stove, .....	Police.
54	"	11 "	House No. 92, Queen's Road East, .....	...	Accident, .....	Police and Inmates.
55	September	3.30 a.m.	344, " Central, .....	30.00	Falling of a charcoal from drying stove, .....	Firemen and Occupants.
56	"	11 p.m.	On board a motor yacht belonging to Mr. Musso on the Southern Fairway off West Point, .....	150.00	Careless use of matches, .....	Police and Firemen.
57	"	12.03 a.m.	House No. 20, Queen's Road Central, .....	100.00	Overheating of a drying stove, .....	Firemen.
58	"	1 "	140, " East, .....	20.00	Flames from the chimney igniting the beams, .....	Occupants.
59	"	1.54 p.m.	A temporary bamboo mat roof over the roof of House No. 15, Queen's Road Central, .....	50.00	A spark from some adjoining buildings, .....	" and Brigade.
			<i>Carried forward,.....\$</i>	1,378.90		

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No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
60	October 11	8.45 a.m.	<i>Brought forward,</i> .....\$	\$ 1,378.90	A spark from the Fire Float, .....	Put out by Firemen from the Fire Float.
61	" 25	10.53 p.m.	Roof of Blake Pier, .....	Trifling.	Chimney on fire, .....	Occupants.
62	November 1	4.15 "	House No. 270, Queen's Road Central, .....	"	Accident, .....	Police and Inmates.
63	" 9	8.30 "	House No. 19, High Street, .....	"	Chimney on fire, .....	Occupants.
64	" 9	2.30 "	" 27, Hollywood Road, .....	Slight.	Some charcoal got ignited from the heat of a furnace, .....	Police, Boatmen and Occupants.
65	" 11	9.30 "	" 79, Aberdeen, .....	"	Chimney on fire, .....	" and Occupants.
66	" 23	12.05 "	354, Queen's Road West, .....	"	"	"
67	December 3	12 midnight	11, Wellington Street, .....	10.00	A heap of straw accidentally set on fire, .....	Police.
68	" 5	8.30 a.m.	124, Stanley, .....	"	Careless use of matches, .....	" and Occupants.
69	" 14	11 "	5, Temple Street, .....	50.00	"	Brigade.
70	" 19	12.15 "	223, Station Street, Mong Kok, .....	43.00	Overheating of some basket of tea, .....	"
71	" 20	6 p.m.	352, Queen's Road Central, .....	30.00	Bed curtain caught fire, .....	"
72	" 21	5.15 a.m.	26, Graham Street, .....	40.00	Sparks from chimney igniting some chairs, .....	"
73	" 21	7.30 "	2, Bullock Lane, .....	Trifling.	Carelessness with joss paper, .....	Mr. Lane, Chinese Firemen and Occupants.
74	" 24	3.30 p.m.	22, Hollywood Road, .....	"	Chimney on fire, .....	Police and Occupants.
75	" 24	7.15 "	135, Queen's Road Central, .....	"	Upsetting of a lamp, .....	Occupants.
76	" 29	1.15 a.m.	32, Stanley Street, .....	Trifling.	Overheating of stove flue, .....	Police and Occupants.
			46, Aplichat, .....			
			TOTAL,.....\$	1,541.90		