



SUPPLEMENT

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REPORT ON THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 1908-1909.

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

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE,
HONGKONG, 21st July, 1908.

1. His Excellency the Governor-in-Council under Section 8 of the Rating Ordinance No. 6 of 1901, ordered the existing valuation for 1907-1908 to be adopted as the valuation for 1908-1909. During the past year no general assessment has been made, the difference in Rateable Value being the result of Interim-Assessments and Appeals.

The City of Victoria.

2. The Rateable Value has increased from \$8,892,205 to \$8,987,125 an addition of \$94,920 or 1.06 per cent.

The Hill District.

3. The Rateable Value has increased from \$261,070 to \$263,265 an addition of \$2,195 or 0.84 per cent.

Shaokwan.

4. The Rateable Value has increased from \$55,857 to \$57,197 an addition of \$1,340 or 2.39 per cent.

Hongkong Villages.

5. The Rateable Value has increased from \$220,659 to \$223,599 an addition of \$2,940 or 1.33 per cent.

Kowloon Point.

6. The Rateable Value has decreased from \$470,180 to \$464,460 a reduction of \$5,720 or 1.21 per cent.

Yaumati.

7. The Rateable Value has decreased from \$236,585 to \$233,145 a reduction of \$3,440 or 1.45 per cent.

Mongkoktsui.

8. The Rateable Value has increased from \$140,980 to \$144,565 an addition of \$3,585 or 2.54 per cent.

New Kowloon.

9. The Rateable Value has increased from \$61,835 to \$62,315 an addition of \$480 or 0.77 per cent.

Kowloon Villages.

10. The Rateable Value has increased from \$146,087 to \$150,367 an addition of \$4,280 or 2.92 per cent.

The Whole Colony.

11. The Rateable Value has increased from \$10,716,173 to \$10,816,753 an addition of \$100,580 or 0.93 per cent.

Interim Valuations.

12. During the Period from 1st July 1907 to 1st June 1908, Interim Valuations have been made as follows :—

In the City of Victoria.

115 New and/or rebuilt tenements, rateable value,	\$134,140
13 tenements structurally altered,	\$228,265
Replacing assessments, amounting to,	212,935
	————— 15,330
	————— \$149,470
24 Assessments cancelled, tenements pulled down, or being in other respects not rateable,	26,910
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Increase in the City of Victoria,	<u><u>\$122,560</u></u>

In the rest of the Colony.

40 New and/or rebuilt tenements, rateable value,	\$ 11,980
10 tenements structurally altered,	\$ 54,130
Replacing assessments, amounting to,	47,335
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	\$ 18,775
27 Assessments cancelled, tenements pulled down, or being in other respects not rateable,	5,965
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Increase in the rest of the Colony,	\$ 12,810
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The total number of tenements affected by Interim Valuations being 229.

Appeals.

13. Notices of Appeal were given against the Assessments of 249 tenements with an aggregate Rateable Value of \$452,180.

Appeals against 110 tenements of a Rateable Value of \$214,365 were withdrawn.

By Order of the Court reductions amounting to \$36,195 were made.

Vacant Tenements.

14. The number of reported vacant tenements in the City of Victoria inspected under Section 35 of the Rating Ordinance averaged about 180 monthly, against 218 last year.

Tabular Statements.

15. The tabular statements giving comparisons of the valuation for 1907-1908 and 1908-1909, are attached.

Staff.

16. Mr. Chan Kwok On and Mr. Tai Tin Shang have discharged their duties to my satisfaction.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN,
Assessor.

Table A.

CITY OF VICTORIA.

No.	District.	Valuation, 1907-1908.	Valuation, 1908-1909.	Increase.	Decrease.	Percentage.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	%
1	Kennedy Town,	189,470	220,420	30,950	...	...
2	Shek Tong Tsui,	516,400	517,895	1,495	...	...
3	Sai Ying Pun,	1,957,585	1,963,315	5,730	...	...
4	Tai Ping Shan,	624,500	627,480	2,980	...	...
5	Sheung Wan,	1,022,155	1,040,495	18,340	...	...
6	Chung Wan,	3,608,290	3,627,670	19,380	...	...
7	Ha Wan,	321,410	327,890	6,480	...	...
8	Wan Tsai,	387,620	397,185	9,565	...	...
9	Bowrington,	102,220	102,220	...	...	...
10	Soo Kon Poo,	162,555	162,555	...	...	...
		\$	\$	\$	\$	%
		8,892,205	8,987,125	94,920	...	1.06

Table B.

THE HILL DISTRICT, SHAUKIWAN AND HONGKONG VILLAGES.

District.	Valuation, 1907-1908.	Valuation, 1908-1909.	Increase.	Decrease.	Percentage.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
The Hill District,.....	261,070	263,265	2,195	...	0.84
Shaukiwan,	55,857	57,197	1,340	...	2.39
Hongkong Villages,.....	220,659	223,599	2,940	...	1.33
Total,	537,586	544,061	6,475	...	1.20

Table C.

KOWLOON POINT, YAUMATI, HUNGHOM, MONGKOKTSUI, NEW KOWLOON
AND KOWLOON VILLAGES.

District.	Valuation, 1907-1908.	Valuation, 1908-1909.	Increase.	Decrease.	Percentage.
Kowloon Point,	\$ 470,180	\$ 464,460	\$...	\$ 5,720	% 1.21
Yaumati,	236,585	233,145	...	3,440	1.45
Hunghom,.....	230,715	230,715	...	...	...
Mongkoktsui,	140,980	144,565	3,585	...	2.54
New Kowloon,.....	61,835	62,315	480	...	0.77
Kowloon Villages,	146,087	150,367	4,280	...	2.92
	\$ 1,286,382	1,285,567	8,345	9,160	...
Deduct Increase,				8,345	...
Total Decrease,				\$ 815	0.06

Table D.

THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

District.	Valuation, 1907-1908.	Valuation, 1908-1909.	Increase.	Decrease.	Percentage.
The City of Victoria,	\$ 8,892,205	\$ 8,987,125	\$ 94,920	\$...	% 1.06
Hill District and Hongkong Villages,	537,586	544,061	6,475	...	1.20
Kowloon Point, &c., and Kowloon Villages,	1,286,382	1,285,567	...	815	0.06
	\$ 10,716,173	10,816,753	101,395	815	...
Deduct Decrease,			815	...	...
Total Increase,			\$ 100,580	...	0.93

ARTHUR CHAPMAN,
Assessor.