

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 196.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th June, 1913, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	5,123,995	4,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	19,489,534	16,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	567,054	275,000*
TOTAL, \$	25,180,583	20,275,000

* Securities with Crown Agents £73,000.

No. S. 197.—The following statement of the securities lodged with the Crown Agents by the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, against their notes in circulation, is published for general information under Section 5 of the Mercantile Bank Note Issue Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance No. 65 of 1911):—

Security.	Amount.	Nominal Value.	Price when deposited.	Latest market price.
India 3½ % Stock,	£28,000	£100	92½/93	92½/93
Bombay Port Trust 4 % Bonds,...	£10,000	£100	97½/98½	97½/98½
Bengal Nagpur Railway Co., Ltd., 3¼ % Debentures,	£35,000	£100	par.	par.

No. S. 198.—Statement of Sanitary Measures adopted against Hongkong.

Place or Port.	Nature of Measures.	Date.	Reference to Government Notification.
Singapore.	Hongkong declared an infected port on account of Small-pox.	4th April, 1913.	No. S. 85.
Orissa.	Plague Regulations imposed in Orissa Ports against arrivals from Hongkong.	18th April, 1913.	No. S. 110.
Burmah.	Hongkong declared a Plague-infected port.	18th April, 1913.	No. S. 111.
Chittagong.	Regulations for the prevention of the introduction of Plague by sea enforced against arrivals from Hongkong.	18th April, 1913.	No. S. 112.
Netherlands-India.	Hongkong declared an infected port. Importation of the following articles from Hongkong or transhipped at this port is temporarily prohibited:—(1) wearing apparel, old and worn clothes, household effects for daily use, used bedding, unless these goods are transported as personal luggage or in consequence of removal. (2) rags. Refuse of new goods coming direct from the weaving-mills, from workshops where apparel is made or from bleaching-establishments, artificial wool, and cuttings of new paper, are not considered as rags. Quarantine up to 21 days according to the state of health on board the ships but subject to exemption on production of certificates legalised by the Netherlands Consul General at Hongkong.	23rd May, 1913.	No. S. 147.