

No. S. 267.—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. 268.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders, which should be clearly marked “Tender for the supply of Electric Current for Shaukiwan”, will be received at the Colonial Secretary’s Office, until Noon of Tuesday, the 23rd instant, for the sole right to supply electric current for lighting and power purposes, for a period of six years, to an area in the neighbourhood of Shaukiwan. The area referred to is indicated by red edging on a plan which may be seen at the Public Works Office.

Tenders must contain :—

- (a.) Full particulars of the proposed installation which must be carried out in accordance with the Electricity Ordinance, No. 18 of 1911.
- (b.) A schedule of the maximum charges to be made per Board of Trade Unit for private house lighting and for lighting of Government Buildings.
- (c.) A schedule of the maximum charges to be made per month for street lighting by means of :—
 - (i.) Arc lamps of 500 candle-power.
 - (ii.) Incandescent lamps of 32, 50 and 100 candle-power.

The hours of lighting to be the same as those specified in the case of the City of Victoria and the prices quoted to include renewals of carbons or lamps required to maintain the lamps in an efficient condition.

- (d.) A schedule of the maximum charges to be made for providing and erecting standards and lamps complete as follows :—
 - (i.) Arc standards and lamps of 500 candle-power.
 - (ii.) Incandescent standards and lamps of 32, 50 and 100 candle-power, single and in clusters of two and three lamps.

In tendering for the above, full particulars should be given of the standards and lamps proposed.

The party whose tender may be accepted shall, within three days of the acceptance of his tender, deposit with the Colonial Treasurer approved security of the value of \$5,000 as a guarantee for the fulfilment of the terms of an agreement based upon the conditions of tendering which may be obtained at the Public Works Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

A. M. THOMSON,
Colonial Secretary.

5th September, 1913.

CONDITIONS OF TENDERING for the sole right to supply electric current for lighting and power purposes for a period of six years to an area in the neighbourhood of Shaukiwan. The area referred to is indicated by red edging on a plan to be seen at the Public Works Office.

1. The period of six years to commence one year after the date of the acceptance of the tender.

2. The whole of the Plant, Machinery, Cables, Wires, &c., &c., specified in the accepted tender to be provided and installed in working order within one year of the date of acceptance of such tender. Such plant, machinery, cables, wires, &c., &c., to include everything necessary for the efficient supply of electric current for lighting and power purposes both public and private within the area defined by red edging on the plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 5th September, 1913.

3. All electric wires or overhead cables shall be carried on poles or other supports of such material and pattern as the Director of Public Works may approve, such poles or supports to be placed in such positions only as the Director of Public Works may approve. Wooden poles or supports will not be permitted.

4. All electric cables or wires shall be laid or fixed in such positions and at such heights, when above ground, or such depths, when underground, as the Director of Public Works may approve in each case and no cable or wire shall be laid or fixed until such approval has been obtained. In the case of cables or wires laid under ground, they must be protected to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works from external damage by being enclosed or covered with some hard and impervious material such as brickwork, stone, concrete or other substance which the Director of Public Works may consider suitable.

5. The party whose tender may be accepted shall be entitled, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining overhead lines, cables, and lamps in Public Streets, to break up and open such streets provided that :—

- (a.) He shall in all cases, except cases of emergency, in the first instance obtain the permission of the Director of Public Works.
- (b.) He shall with all convenient speed complete the work on account of which he opened the road and shall without delay refill any such opening and make good the road, and any other damage caused.
- (c.) He shall in the meanwhile cause the place where the road is open or broken up to be fenced and watched and to be properly lighted at night.
- (d.) He shall notify the Director of Public Works as soon as any opening has been refilled.
- (e.) He shall be liable for any accident to persons, animals, property or otherwise whatsoever arising from his operations.
- (f.) He shall defray the cost of restoring the surfacing which shall in all cases be restored by the Public Works Department.
- (g.) In the case of trenches for cables not more than 150 yards of roadway may be opened at any one time.

6. Each pole or other support and each lamp shall have a distinguishing number painted or otherwise affixed on it and such numbers shall be at all times maintained in a legible condition.

7. A plan showing the positions and distinguishing numbers of each pole or support and of each lamp and also the positions of all cables shall be supplied to the Director of Public Works on completion of the installation.

8. In the event of its becoming necessary in the opinion of the Director of Public Works to remove or alter the position of any pole or other support or of any wire or cable, such removal or alteration shall be carried out by the party whose tender may be accepted at his own expense within such period as the Director of Public Works may specify.

9. The entire installation must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Supply Ordinance, 1911, or of any Amending Ordinance.

10. In the event of the aforesaid conditions being carried out to the satisfaction of the Government, the said Government will be prepared, on the expiry of the aforesaid term of six years, to consider an extension of the right to supply electric current, &c., &c., for a further period of such or other duration and upon such amended or additional terms or conditions as may to the said Government appear advisable. The Government may also, from time to time, grant a further extension on the expiry of any such further period on such terms as it may think fit.

11. The Government, however, reserves the right to refuse to grant any extension of the aforesaid rights, either at the end of the aforesaid period of six years or at the end of any further period for which such rights may be extended. In such event, the Government shall take over possession of the complete installation, including all plant, machinery, cables, wires, poles, &c., &c., belonging thereto on payment to the party whose tender may be accepted of fair and reasonable compensation for the same and shall, subject to the aforesaid conditions having been satisfactorily carried out, return to the said party the sum of \$5,000 deposited by him in accordance with the terms of his tender.

12. In the event of any failure on the part of the party whose tender may be accepted to fulfil to the satisfaction of the Government the aforesaid conditions the Government shall have power to cancel any agreement which may have been entered into with such party and to require such party to remove within a period of three months the whole installation including all plant, machinery, cables, wires, poles, &c., &c., belonging thereto and situated upon, over or under any public street or portion of Crown land. In such event the sum of \$5,000 deposited with the Government in accordance with the terms of the tender shall be forfeited to the Government.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 269.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Repairs to Steam-Launch 'Victoria'", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Friday, the 12th September, 1913.

A list of work may be obtained at the Government Marine Surveyor's Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

The work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Government Marine Surveyor.

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

5th September, 1913.

LAND OFFICE.

No. S. 270.—It is hereby notified that the following Sales of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the District Land Office, Tai Po, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, the 10th day of September, 1913.

The Lots are sold for the term of Seventy-five years from the 1st day of July, 1898, with the right of renewal for a further term of 24 years less 3 days at a re-assessed Crown Rent as Agricultural Lots subject to the General Conditions of Sale published in Govern-