

No. S. 350.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st October, 1913, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	6,126,683	5,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	19,280,468	15,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	* 980,190	500,000*
TOTAL,\$	26,387,341	20,500,000

* Securities with Crown Agents £68,040.

No. S. 351.—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.
Bombay Port Trust 4% Bonds,...	£10,000	£100	97½/98½	97½/98½
Southern Punjab Railway 4% Preference Stock,	£23,040	£100	92/94	92/94
Madras and Southern Mahratta 4% Debenture Stock,.....	£35,000	£100	98/100	98/100

A. M. THOMSON,
Colonial Secretary.

7th November, 1913.

LAND OFFICE.

No. S. 352.—It is hereby notified that the following lease of Crown Sea Bed will be put up to Public Auction at the District Land Office, Hongkong, at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 11th November, 1913.

The lease will be for a term of 5 years from the date of auction. The lease confers on the lessee the sole rights of dredging for shell and coral within the leased area.

Full Particulars and Conditions may be obtained at this Office.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS TO BE LEASED.

Registry No.	Locality.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.
Lantao Marine Lots Nos. 1 & 2.	Ping Chau Island, Lantao.	As shewn on a plan deposited in the District Land Office.	\$1,300.00.