No. S. 38.—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	. 96/97	
Southern Punjab Railway 4% Preference Stock,	£23,040	£100	92/94	96/99	
Madras and Southern Mahratta 4% Debenture Stock,	£35,000	£100	98/100	97/99	

CLAUD SEVERN,

Colonial Secretary.

6th February, 1914.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 39.—It is hereby notified that information has been received from the Military Authorities that Gun Practice will be carried out as under:—

On Tuesday, the 10th February:-

From Pak Sha Wan, in a North-Easterly to Northerly direction, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

On Wednesday, the 11th February: -

From Gough, Pottinger and Pakshawan in a South-Easterly to North-Easterly direction, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

Basil Taylor, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

6th February, 1914.

No. S. 40. NOTICES TO MARINERS.

Masters of Vessels are hereby notified that the Fairway Buoys are not to be obstructed by vessels anchoring within the following limits:—

To the South of a line drawn N. 53° W. from the Northern Fairway Buoy. To the North of a line drawn S. 43° W. from the Southern Fairway Buoy.

Basil Taylor, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1914.

It is hereby notified that when vessels are moored at their Buoys in the Harbour not more than five cargo-boats shall be moored abreast on either side of such vessel at one time; and not more than two steam-launches, one of which may be the Company's launch, shall lie alongside any vessel's gangway at one time.

Basil Taylor, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1914.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

No. 26 of 1913.

GULF ST. VINCENT-MARION REEF.

MASTERS of vessels and others are hereby informed that on and after the night of the 16th December, 1913, the black buoy showing a fixed red light, which has hitherto marked the Marion Reef, will be removed and instead thereof will be exhibited a new light as follows:—

An unwatched red light, flashing every two seconds, at a height of 35 feet above H.W. from an openwork iron tower, surrounded by timber fender piling in 18 feet at L.W.S. on the S.E. extreme of Marion Reef, with Troubridge Lighthouse bearing 9° (North 4° E. mag.) distant $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles and the light should be visible at a distance of about 6 miles in clear weather.

Approximate position—Lat. 35° 10′ S.; Long. 137° 49¼′ E. This affects Admiralty Charts Nos. 2389A and 2152.

KANGAROO ISLAND-NEPEAN BAY.

On and after the night of the 18th December, 1913, the Bell Buoy marking the position of the submarine telegraph cable to Yankalilla will be replaced by a buoy painted green with conical top, and showing at night an unwatched, fixed, red light, at a height of 9 feet above water level. The light should be visible in clear weather at a distance of about 6 miles. This buoy is moored in $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms and also marks the shallow water off the southeastern extreme of the Kingscote Spit.

Approximate position—Lat. 35° 41¼′ S.; Long., 137° 42½′ E. This affects Admiralty Charts Nos. 2389 a and 3641.

ARTHUR SEARCY,

President of the Marine Board and Controller of Harbors.

Marine Board Offices, Port Adelaide, December 15th, 1913.

No. 565.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAL DISTRICT.

CONFUCIUS CHANNEL.

Centaur Upper Buoy Moved.

REFERRING to Special Notice to Mariners No. 410, notice is hereby given that the Centaur Upper Buoy, Confucius Channel, has been moved and is now moored in about 40 feet of water at low water of spring tides. From the Buoy, Fork Tree Beacon bears S. 20° W., magnetic, distant 2.28 miles.

The characteristics of the Buoy remain unchanged.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

W. FERD. TYLER, Coast Inspector.

THE MARITIME CUSTOMS,
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
SHANGHAI 27th, January, 1914.

TRANSLATION.

Notification No. 38 of Department of Communications.

NOKUTSUNA-SHIMA LIGHTHOUSE TO BE SHOWN.

Notice is hereby given that the Newly Established Nokutsuna-Shima Lighthouse on Ushigakuchi-Saki, the southeastern end of Nokutsuna-Shima, Province of Iyo, will be exhibited as follows at the beginning of February, 1914.

Position:—Lat. 33° 57′ 52" N., and Long. 132° 41′ 34" E. (According to the Japanese Admiralty chart No. 141.)

Description: - Iron lattice work, painted white.

Height of light:—16,6 shaku from the base; 32 shaku above the water.

Character of light:—Acetylene gas flashing white light, showing one flash every three (3) seconds.

Illuminated arc:—An arc 236° 30′, from S. 3° W., through W. and N., to N. 59° 30′ E. (Magnetic bearings taken from seaward.)

Candle power:-100.

Visible distance:—10 nautical miles in clear night.

Notes:—The light is unwatched. Should the light go out by accident there may be some delay in relighting it.

Further notice will be given after the light has been shown.

MOTODA HAJIME,
Minister of State for Communications.

Tokyo, January 24th, 1914.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 27.—It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on Monday, the 9th day of February, 1914, at 3 p.m.

Full Particulars and Conditions may be obtained at this Office.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Registry No.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents	Annual	Upsot
		N.	8.	E.	w.	sq. feet.	Rent.	Price.	
			feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.		\$	\$
1	Inland Lot No. 2060.	Below Inland Lot No. 1911, Leighton Hill.	As	per	sale	plan.	14,500 (about)	1 Ú Á	4,350

The Purchaser of the Lot will also have to pay the sum of \$150 for removing and reconstructing the Water Tank and Pump at present on the Lot, \$6.25 for each boundary stone required to define the Lot and \$30 for the Crown Lease.

W. CHATHAM, Director of Public Works.

23rd January, 1914.