

No. S. 304.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th September, 1914, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	5,882,697	5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	22,903,533	17,500,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,048,373	600,000†
TOTAL,\$	29,834,603	23,100,000

* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$1,850,000.

† Securities with the Crown Agents £68,040.

No. S. 305.—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	91/93
Madras and Southern Maharatta 4% Debenture Stock,.....	£35,000	£100	98/100	98/100

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

2nd October, 1914.

MAGISTRACY.

No. S. 306.—Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Licensing Board will be held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, the 4th day of November, 1914, at 2.15 p.m. for the purpose of considering applications for Publican's Licences, Restaurant Adjunct Licences and Hotel Keeper's Adjunct Licences for the year 1914-1915 under the Liquor Consolidation Ordinance, 1911.

Forms of applications may be obtained at the Magistracy.

All applications must be forwarded to the Magistracy on or before Monday, the 19th day of October, 1914, and must be accompanied by a deposit of Four Dollars.

Applicants for transfers or new licences, and persons objecting to such applications, must appear in person.

G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary to the Licensing Board.

2nd October, 1914.