

No. S. 351.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st October, 1914, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	5,554,187	5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	23,297,645	17,500,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,113,871	600,000†
TOTAL,.....\$	29,965,703	23,100,000

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

† Securities with the Crown Agents £68,040.

No. S. 352.—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

No. S. 353.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked “Tender for the supply of Coal”, will be received at this Office until Noon of Monday, the 30th November, 1914, for the supply of Coal for the Government, excluding Government Launches, for the space of one year from the 1st January next.

Best Japanese Steam Coal and Best Picked Japanese Household Coal, are, when required to be delivered free of charge at the various Government Hospitals and all the Stations and Buildings under the control of the Director of Public Works including Tytam Tuk Pumping Station and all Government Buildings including those in the New Territories.

No tender will be received unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$200 as a pledge of the *bonâ fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if such person shall refuse to carry out his tender, should the tender be accepted.

For further information and forms of tender apply at this Office, and only these forms must be used.