

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.

The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract containing conditions to be prescribed by the Government and to deposit as security the sum of \$200 in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in the name of the Colonial Treasurer: failing compliance with these requirements the sum deposited with the tender will be forfeited.

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

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

6th November, 1914.

MAGISTRACY.

No. S. 354.—It is hereby notified that a meeting of the Licensing Board will be held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday, the 25th day of November, 1914, at 2.15 p.m., for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911 :—

From one CHARLES BOND for a Publican's Licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors for consumption on the premises No. 2, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of "Grand Hotel".

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

6th November, 1914.

BOTANICAL AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 355.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the supply of Flower Pots", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Saturday, the 14th November, 1914, for supplying Flower Pots for the year 1915.

For form of tender apply at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

For specification and further particulars apply at this Office.

No tender will be considered unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Treasury the sum of \$25 as a pledge of the *bonâ fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if such person fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should his tender be accepted.

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

W. J. TUTCHER,
Superintendent.

6th November, 1914.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 356.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Incandescent Electric Lamps", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 16th day of November, 1914, for the supply of Electric Lamps to Government Buildings during the year 1915.

No work will be permitted on Sundays.

For form of tender, specification and further particulars apply at this Office.

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