

Objects and Reasons.

The object of this Bill is to provide for the incorporation of the Missions to Seamen in Hongkong and to vest in such corporation all property of the Missions now held in the names of various trustees some of whom are dead, and to enable the Corporation to manage such property.

30th May, 1919.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 144.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st May, 1919, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	6,763,200.	5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	20,671,645	17,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,158,511	550,000†
TOTAL,.....\$	28,593,356	22,550,000

* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £340,000.

† Securities with the Crown Agents £125,000.

No. S. 145.—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.
5% War Loan,	£125,000	£94. 1s. 3d.

No. S. 146.—Statement of Sanitary Measures adopted by Hongkong.

Disease.	Port or Place.	Restrictions in Force.	Authority.
Small-pox.	Philippine Islands.	Medical examination; quarantine at the discretion of the Health Officer.	Notification No. 168 of 9th May, 1918.
Cholera.	Saigon.	Do.	Notification No. 61 of 5th February, 1919.
Cholera.	Bangkok.	Do.	Notification No. 194 of 26th April, 1919.