

No. S. 334.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st October, 1919, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	10,367,937	5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	24,522,387	17,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,071,695	550,000†
TOTAL, \$	35,962,019	22,550,000

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

† Securities with the Crown Agents £125,000.

No. S. 335.—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	£95. 7s. 6d.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

7th November, 1919.

PRISON DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 336.—It is hereby notified, with reference to Government Notification No. 698 of 1900, that separate tenders in duplicate, which should be sealed and clearly marked "Tender for the supply of Prisoners' Provisions, etc.", for the supply of the Articles therein mentioned, from the 1st February, 1920, to the 31st January, 1921, inclusive, will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Saturday, the 22nd November, 1919.

No tender will be considered unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$400 as a pledge of the *bonâ fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if such person refuses to carry out his tender.

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

For any other information apply at the Office of the Assistant Superintendent, Prison Department.

The successful tenderer will be required to sign an agreement and to give security to the satisfaction of the Government in the sum of \$2,000.