No. S. 128.—Returns of the Average Amount of Bank Notes in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th April, 1921, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.	
	\$	ş	
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	11,401,340	5,400,000 *	
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	35,379,800	25,000,000	
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,197,722	550,000†	
Total,\$	47,978,862	30,950,000	

^{*} Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £550,000.

No. S. 129.—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.		
Funding Loan,	£180,000	•••	•••	£71.		
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E. D. C. Wolfe, Colonial Secretary.

6th May, 1921.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 130.—It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Tuesday, the 17th day of May, 1921, at 3 p.m.

Full Particulars and Conditions may be obtained at this Office.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements.			Contents	Annual	Unset	
		Locality.	N.	s.	E.	w.	sq. feet.	Diament	Upset Price.
		•			,			#	\$
1	Rural Building Chai Wan. Lot No. 171.	As per sale plan.		About 1,013	2	51			

The Purchaser of the Lot will also have to pay the sum of \$12 for boundary stones required to define the Lot and \$30 for the Crown Lease.

[†] Securities with the Crown Agents £180,000.