

No. S. 41.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st January, 1922, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks :—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	11,033,426	5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	41,914,129	29,150,000†
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,377,632	550,000§
TOTAL, \$	54,325,187	34,700,000

* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £571,000.

† Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £1,500,000.

§ Securities with the Crown Agents £130,000.

No. S. 42.—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.
National War Bonds 1928, 3rd Series,	£130,000	£97.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

10th February, 1922.

LAND OFFICE.

No. S. 43.—It is hereby notified that the following Letting of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the District Office, Tai Po, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 22nd day of February, 1922.

The Lot is leased for the term of 1 year from the 1st day of January, 1922, as an Agricultural Lot, subject to the General Conditions of Sale published in Government Notification No. 365 of 1906 and to the Special Conditions hereunder specified.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Registry No.			Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Acres.	Upset Price.	Annual Crown Rent.
No.	D. D.	Lot.		N.	S.	E.	W.			
	7	1791	Wai Tau.	As per plan deposited in the District Office, Tai Po.				.95	\$ Nil.	\$ 3.80

SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

1. The lessee may not mortgage or sub-let the land.
2. The lease is determinable at any time on six calendar months' notice being given.