Banks.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	Specie in Reserve.	
	\$	\$	
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	9,814,697	5,000,000*	
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	40,184,833	26,000,000†	
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,320,843	550,000§	
Total,\$	51,320,373	31,550,000	

^{*} Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £582,000.

No. S. 150.—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.
5½ % A Series Treasury Bonds		1		<u> </u>
1929,	£130,000	<u></u>	•••	par.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

5th May, 1922.

LAND OFFICE.

No. S. 151.—It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the District Office, Hongkong, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 11th day of May, 1922.

The Lot is sold for the term of seventy-five years from the 1st day of July, 1898, with the right of renewal for a further term of 24 years less 3 days at a re-assessed Crown Rent as an Agricultural Lot, subject to the General Conditions of Sale published in Government Notification No. 365 of 1906, and to the Special Conditions Nos. 1, 2 and 3 published in Government Notification No. 697 of 1909 and No. 5 published in Government Notification No. 278 of 1911.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Registry No.		Boundary Measurements.				C			
	Locality.	N.	s.	E.	w.	Contents in sq. ft.	Upset Price.	Annual Crown Rent.	
Lantao Plateau. Lot No. 16.	Lantao Peak.					50,000	\$ 200	\$	
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[†] Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £1,500,000.

[§] Securities with the Crown Agents £130,000.

SPECIAL CONDITION.

Shrubs and trees are only to be planted on this Lot and it must be kept tidy to the satisfaction of the District Officer, South.

Philip Jacks,

Land Officer.

5th May, 1922.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 152.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate which should be clearly marked "Tender for Road Improvement at East Point", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Tuesday, the 16th day of May, 1922, for Excavating the hillside, Constructing retaining walls, Re-constructing existing boundary walls and relative minor works at Inland Lots Nos. 29 and 81, and Marine Lot No. 52, East Point.

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.

No. S. 153.—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 Monday, the 22nd day of May, 1922, 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	Upset
	Registry Ivo.		N.	s.	Е.	w.	sq. feet.	Rental.	Upset Price.
!			feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.		\$	\$
1	Inland Lot No. 2382.	North of Inland Lots Nos. 1742 & 1358, Shaukiwan Road, Canseway Bay.	As per sale plan.			About 31,980	330	31,980	

The Purchaser of the Lot will also have to pay the sum of \$31.25 for boundary stones required to define the Lot and \$30 for the Crown Lease.

T. L. PERKINS,

Director of Public Works.

5th May, 1922.