

No. S. 181.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st May, 1922, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks :—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	9,692,177	5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	38,567,870	26,000,000†
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,299,897	550,000‡
TOTAL,	\$ 49,559,944	31,550,000

* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £604,000.

† Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £1,800,000.

‡ Securities with the Crown Agents £130,000.

No. S. 182.—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 1929,	£130,000	par.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary.

2nd June, 1922.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY,
(BRITISH SECTION).

No. S. 183.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Lease of Crown Land on the Railway Reclamation, Hunghom," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Friday, the 16th day of June, 1922, for the lease of several parcels of ground known as the Railway Reclamation for short periods, subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the Head Office of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, Kowloon.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of One hundred dollars (\$100) as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the above-mentioned conditions, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the Head Office of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, Kowloon.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.

2nd June, 1922.