

No. S. 61.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 29th February, 1924, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks :—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	14,840,251	5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	49,555,206	28,900,000†
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,510,510	550,000§
TOTAL,\$	65,905,967	34,450,000

* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £905,600.

† Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £2,950,000.

§ Securities with the Crown Agents £130,000.

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No. S. 62.—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 % Treasury Bonds repayable @ 100 in 1930,	£130,000	103¼-103¾

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

7th March, 1924.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 63.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked “Tender for the supply of Leather Boots and Shoes for Chinese Revenue Officers”, will be received at the Colonial Secretary’s Office until Noon of Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1924, for the supply of the undermentioned boots and shoes for the Chinese Revenue Officers, *viz.*:—

More or less—72 Pairs Leather Boots.
4 „ „ „ Shoes.

No tender will be received, unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$50 as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if such person refuses to carry out his tender, should the tender be accepted.

For form of tender and further information, apply to the Imports and Exports Department.