No. S. 126.—Returns of the Average Amount of Bank Notes in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th April, 1924, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.	
	\$	<i>→</i>	
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	12,464,569	5,000,00 0*	
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	41,343,533	29,400.000†	
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,507,810	550,000§	
Тотац,\$	55,315,912	34,950,000	

^{*} Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £1,060,096.

No. S. 127.—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		•••	103-103-2		

CLAUD SEVERN,

Colonial Secretary.

9th May, 1924.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 128.—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 26th day of May, 1924, 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	
			N.	8.	E.	w .	sq. feet.	Rental.	Price.
	Rural Building Mount Cameron. Lot No. 247.		feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.		\$	\$
1		As per sale plan.			About 23,900	138	3,368		
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[†] Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £3,045,000.

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