

**No. S. 180.**—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th June, 1924, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks :—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, .....	11,349,992	5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, .....	38,953,300	29,900,000†
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, .....	1,284,943	550,000‡
TOTAL, .....\$	51,588,235	35,450,000

\* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £1,075,500.

† Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £3,045,000.

‡ Securities with the Crown Agents £130,000.

**No. S. 181.**—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	...	...	104-104½

CLAUD SEVERN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

*4th July, 1924.*

GOVERNMENT LABORATORY.

**No. S. 182.**—Return of samples examined under “The Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1896,” for the quarter ended 30th June, 1924 :—

Description.	Number of samples.	Number found genuine.	Number found adulterated.
Fresh Milk .....	3	3	0

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*4th July, 1924.*