

No. S. 365.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st October, 1924, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks :—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	10,783,859	5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	42,027,000	29,900,000†
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited... ..	1,342,971	550,000‡
TOTAL	\$ 54,153,830	35,450,000

* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £1,055,900.

† Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £3,091,000.

‡ Securities with the Crown Agents £130,000.

No. S. 366.—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	—	—	103-103½

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

7th November, 1924.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 367.—With reference to Government Notification No. S. 334 of the 24th October, 1924, relating to Tenders for construction of two Steel Twin Screw Patrol Vessels for the Hongkong Government, it is hereby notified that the time given for delivery of tenders at the Colonial Secretary's Office is extended to the 12th January, 1925.

G. F. HOLE, Lieut.-Comdr., R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

7th November, 1924.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 368.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Repairs to No. 4 Police Launch", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Friday, the 28th day of November, 1924.

Specifications can be obtained at the Government Marine Surveyor's Office.

Repairs to be executed to the satisfaction of the Government Marine Surveyor.

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

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

7th November, 1924.