

No. S. 238.—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	—	—	100¼–100¾

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

11th September, 1925.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 239.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the supply of Winter Uniform for Boarding Officers, Boatmen and Seamen, etc. of Harbour Department", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Friday, the 18th day of September, 1925, for the supply of the above-mentioned uniform for this department.

Samples of uniform may be seen, and form of tender obtained, at this Office.

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

G. F. HOLE,
Harbour Master, &c.

11th September, 1925.

No. S. 240.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

Reference Gazette Notification Nos. S. 155 dated 22nd May, and S. 163 dated 5th June.

A notification has now been received from Deputy Conservator, Calcutta, stating that the new light vessel was placed on the "Intermediate" Station on 13th August.

HONGKONG, 5th September, 1925.

A notification has now been received from Deputy Conservator, Calcutta, stating that the following changes in the positions of Light Vessels at the Sandheads, Bay of Bengal, will be effected at the latter end of September, 1925:—

The exact date will be communicated later.

"Eastern Channel" Lt. V. to Lat. 21° 0' 37" N., Long. 88° 14' 10" E.
 "Intermediate" Lt. V. to Lat. 21° 14' 17" N., Long. 88° 11' 32" E.
 "Lower Gaspar" Lt. V. to Lat. 21° 27' 00" N., Long. 88° 8' 11" E.

Board of Trade Notice No. 69 "Reading and Testing Water Gauges" is published for information:—

The Board of Trade desire to draw attention to four very serious boiler explosions which have occurred on board ship and which might have been prevented had proper care been taken in regard to the reading and testing of the water gauges by the engineer officers in charge. In one of the cases, four, and in another, two, lives were lost, and in at least three of the cases the officers who were to blame held certificate of competency.

Damage to life or property on board ship due to inattention or carelessness on the part of any officer in charge may necessitate the ordering of an enquiry under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the Court holding such inquiry has the power to deal with the certificates of any officer who may be found seriously to blame.

Instructions as to the proper testing of boiler water gauges are contained in the booklet "Regulations relating to the Examination of Engineers," which can be purchased (price 6d.) through any bookseller or directly from H.M. Stationery Office, at any of the following addresses:—Adastral House, Kingsway, W.C.2; 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W.1; York Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; or 120, George Street, Edinburgh. Copies are also on sale at the Mercantile Marine Offices at the principal ports in this country.

G. F. HOLE,
Harbour Master, &c.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT,
HONGKONG, 9th September, 1925.

No. 311/VI.

Gulf of Siam—West Coast—Rock discovered

Position—Latitude $8^{\circ} 59' N.$, longitude $99^{\circ} 57' E.$ (approx.).

Details—A rock has been discovered in the above mentioned position, with 1.0-metre water over it.

Caution—As between Lem Kwang and Lem Ple Dam there may be more rocks, it is recommended to navigate at a fair distant from the coast.

Charts affected—British Adm. Charts Nos. 989. 2414.

Authority—H. M. S. Chow Praya.

By Order of the Ministry of Marine.

Rear-Admiral F. THOMSEN, R.N.,
Director General of the Hydrographic Department.

BANGKOK, 19th August, 1925.

HARBOUR NOTIFICATION.

No. 2 of 1925.

With reference to Harbour Notification No. 1 of 1925, notice is hereby given that the Superintendent of Customs, with the consent of the Consular Body, has decided that all vessels arriving from Shanghai will be detained at the Quarantine Anchorage outside the Bar for five days from the date of leaving Shanghai.

Owners and Agents of vessels are requested to telegraph their Shanghai and Chefoo Agencies accordingly.

R. OLIVER RUTHERFURD,
Harbour Master.

Approved :
R. C. GUERNIER,
Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM HOUSE,
TIENTSIN, 27th August, 1925.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 226.—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 14th day of September, 1925, 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 in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1992.	East of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1094, Ma Tau Kok.	feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.	About 95,000	\$ 654	\$ 95,000
			As per sale plan.						

The Purchaser of the Lot will also have to pay the sum of \$31.25 for boundary stones required to define the Lot and \$30 for the Crown Lease.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.

28th August, 1925.