No. S. 353.—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
$5\frac{1}{2}\%$ Treasury Bonds repayable @ 100 in 1930	£130,000		<u> </u>	102-1021
Deposited on 24th November, 1926, particulars not yet to hand	£250,000			
	£380,000			

A. G. M. FLETCHER, Colonial Secretary.

4th December, 1925.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 354.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the supply of Charcoal" will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Saturday, the 12th day of December, 1925, for the supply of Charcoal to the Government Opium Factory for the term of 12 months from the 1st January, 1926.

The Charcoal to be delivered ex Godown in Victoria as and when required by the Government.

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 \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Government, if such person refuses to carry out his tender, should the tender be accepted.

For form of tender and further particulars apply to the Imports and Exports Office.

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

No. S. 355.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the supply of Opium Pots", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Neon of Saturday, the 12th day of December, 1925, for the supply of Opium Pots to the Government Opium Factory for the term of 12 months from the 1st January, 1926.

The Opium Pots to be delivered free of charge to the Government Opium Factory as and when required by the Government.

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 \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Government, if such person shall refuse to carry out his tender, should the tender be accepted.

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

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

J. D. LLOYD,

Superintendent.

4th December, 1925.