No. S. 97.—The following statement of the securities ledged 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	£380,000		_	$101\frac{3}{4} - 102\frac{1}{4}$

E. R. HALLIFAX, Colonial Secretary.

9th April, 1926.

GOVERNMENT LABORATORY.

No. S. 98.—Return of samples examined under "The Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1896," for the quarter ended 31st March, 1926.

Description.	Number of samples.	Number found genuine.	Number found adulterated.
Tea	2	2	0
Milk (Fresh)	40	40	0
Milk (Tinned)	3	3	0
Bread	8	8	0
Butter	3	3	0
Pepper	3	3	0
Honey	ĺ	1	0
Jam, Strawberry	ī	1	Ŏ
Jam, Raspberry	1	ī	Ŏ
Sugar	3	3	ő
Liniment of Turpentine	6	6	Õ
Coffee	. 6	6	0
	1	1	Ŏ
Lard Vinegar	9	9	0
Vinegar	9	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	0
Flour	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	0
Olive Oil	4	4	. 0
Tincture, Camphor Co	• 4	4	U
-	90	90	0

E. R. DOVEY,

Government Analyst.

9th April, 1926.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 99.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Workshop and Garage, Wanchai Depôt", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 26th day of April, 1926, for Conversion of three open steel framed sheds at Wanchai Depôt into an enclosed Garage and Workshop.

No work will be permitted on Sundays.

For Form of tender, specification and further particulars apply at this Office.

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

HAROLD T. CREASY, Director of Public Works.

9th April, 1926.