

increased further to £1,200,000. The conversion of the capital from silver into gold was at the time considered desirable in view of anticipated extensions of business in and large subscriptions to come from "Gold" countries but in practice such anticipations have only partially been realised and the Directors recognise that they are now faced with altered conditions which tend to centre the supreme interest of the Bank in the Far Eastern Trade, particularly in the Treaty Ports. The Bank has now branches in Hankow and Swatow as well as in Shanghai and Canton, and intends shortly to open branches in other parts of China, a policy which will entail large dealings in silver and with the Head Office of the Bank situated in Hongkong where the currency is likewise in silver it is considered that on all grounds the balance of convenience lies, and will in future always lie, in favour of having its capital in silver. It is therefore desired to reconvert the capital into Hongkong Currency, and with a view to this being final clause 6 of the Bill repeals the Ordinance No. 6 of 1919.

6th May, 1926.

**NOTICES.**

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

**No. S. 143.—Statement of Sanitary Measures adopted by Hongkong.**

Disease.	Port or Place.	Restrictions in Force.	Authority.
Cholera.	Bangkok.	Medical examination; quarantine at the discretion of the Health Officer.	Notification No. 655 of 20th November, 1925.
Small-pox.	Amoy.	Do.	Notification No. 124 of 9th March, 1926.
Cholera.	Saigon.	Do.	Notification No. 225 of 26th April, 1926.
Plague.	Pakhoi.	Do.	Notification No. 273 of 20th May, 1926.
Cholera.	Hoihow.	Do.	Notification No. 274 of 20th May, 1926.

**No. S. 144.—Statement of Sanitary Measures adopted against Hongkong.**

Place or Port.	Nature of Measures.	Date.	Reference to Government Notification.
Manila.	Inspections outside Manila harbour from 20th April. Third class passengers and new crew must comply with the vaccination requirements.	16th April, 1924.	—
All ports in the United States of America, including the Hawaiian Islands.	Inspections outside the ports from 1st April. Steerage passengers must comply with the vaccination requirements. Cabin passengers must produce a vaccination certificate or be vaccinated by ships doctor or quarantine authorities.	30th April, 1926.	—

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28th May, 1926.