

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 310.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hong Kong, during the month ended 31st August, 1931, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks :—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	23,158,725	8,300,000*
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	124,827,126	112,000,000†
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited... ..	3,598,924	1,350,000‡
TOTAL	\$ 151,584,775	121,650,000

* In addition Sterling Securities are deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £1,331,700.

† In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at £3,078,000.

‡ In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £180,000.

W. T. SOUTHORN,
Colonial Secretary.

4th September, 1931.

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No. S. 311.—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 % Treasury Bonds payable @ 100 in 1933/1935 - -	£180,000	—	—	100½-101½

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