

Appendix J.

REPORT OF THE CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE FOR THE YEAR 1914.

The total of all cases reported to the Police during the year 1914 was 8,817 as against 12,011 in 1913 being a decrease of 3,194 or 26·59 per cent. The average for the last five years is 10,513·2.

In the division of these cases into Serious and Minor Offences there appears a decrease, as compared with 1913, of 467 cases or 13·54 per cent. in the former and of 2,727 cases or 31·85 per cent. in the latter.

The decrease as compared with 1913 in Serious Offences is shown as follows :—

Robbery, - - - - -	52
Burglary or Larceny in Dwelling, - - -	17
Assault with intent to rob, - - -	3
Kidnapping and Protection of Women and Children, - - - -	77
Piracy, - - - - -	1
Unlawful possession, - - - -	76
Larcenies, - - - - -	204
Other Felonies, - - - - -	37
Total Decrease, - - -	<u>467</u>

2. Table I shows the number and character of the Serious and Minor Offences reported to the Police during 1913 and 1914 and number of persons convicted and discharged in connection with these Offences.

MURDER.

3. Fourteen murders were reported to the Police during the year, the same number as in 1913.

In connection with 10 of these reports, no arrest was made, and in the remaining 4 cases arrests were made, but in these 4 cases no conviction was obtained (12 persons).

MANSLAUGHTER.

4. Six cases were reported to the Police during the year as against 7 in 1913.

In one case, no arrest was made; in the remaining 5 cases arrests were made. There was one case in which conviction was obtained (1 person). In 4 cases there was no conviction (4 persons).

GANG ROBBERIES.

5. Seventeen Gang Robberies were reported to the Police during the year as against 50 in 1913.

In 11 cases, no arrest was made, and in the remaining 6 cases arrests were made. There were 3 cases in which convictions were obtained (9 persons of whom 6 were convicted and 3 discharged). In 3 cases there was no conviction (9 persons).

STREET AND HIGHWAY ROBBERIES.

6. Sixteen Street and Highway Robberies were reported to the Police during the year as against 23 in 1913.

In 8 cases, no arrest was made; in the remaining 8 cases arrests were made. There were 4 cases in which convictions were obtained (6 persons of whom 4 were convicted and 2 discharged). In 4 cases there was no conviction (5 persons).

ROBBERIES ON BOATS AND JUNKS.

7. Seven cases were reported to the Police during the year as against 19 in 1913.

In 5 cases, no arrest was made; in the remaining 2 cases arrests were made. There was one case in which conviction was obtained (1 person) but in the other case, there was no conviction (1 person).

PIRACY.

8. The S.S. *Tai On*, a river steamer of 438 tons trading between Hongkong and Kong Mun, owned by the Kwong On Steamship Co., left Hongkong at 7 p.m. on April 27th, 1914. At 10.10 p.m. when off Ki O in Chinese waters pirates who had boarded the ship in Hongkong as passengers attempted to take possession of the ship. The European Officers and guards with great courage resisted the pirates, who after some time set fire to the ship, which was carrying a company of 433 passengers and crew. The ship was burned out but 180 persons were rescued. With the assistance of the Chinese and Macao Police twenty-three pirates were arrested. Seventeen of these were executed by the Chinese Authorities.

The Norwegian steamer *Childar* of 1,500 tons chartered by the Chino Siam Co., No. 5 Queen's Road West, and trading between Hongkong and coast ports, left Hongkong at noon on March 15th, 1914. About 6 p.m. when about twelve miles South East of Mendoza Island, about sixty pirates who had boarded the ship as passengers overpowered the officers and took possession of the ship. They ransacked the ship and then left in small boats which put off from the shore. With the assistance of the Macao and Chinese Police fifteen pirates were arrested. Of these nine have been executed by the Chinese Authorities, one died in gaol and trial of others pending.

On August 28th, 1914, an Ordinance entitled the Piracy Prevention Ordinance was passed under which the owners of river

steamers and steamers trading to coast ports have to enter into bonds and carry out certain regulations for the protection of the ships. Up to 31st December one hundred and seven bonds have been signed, and one hundred and fifty-eight guards under Police control have been engaged. The total number of steamers affected by this Ordinance is about one hundred and fifty. Two European and 26 Chinese police are employed in searching steamers and passengers under the above mentioned Ordinance, and one European Lance Sergeant is in charge of the guards.

OTHER FELONIES.

9. Under this heading are comprised the following :—

	1914.	1913.
Arson and attempted arson, - - -	—	1
Cutting and wounding, - - -	22	22
Demanding money with menaces,-	4	5
Embezzlement, - - - - -	47	44
Forgery, - - - - -	11	20
Housebreaking, - - - - -	69	100
Assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm,- - - - -	—	6
Abominable Offences, - - - -	—	1
Throwing corrosive fluid, - - -	2	3
Receiving stolen property, - - -	25	9
Child stealing, - - - - -	—	1
Threatening letter, - - - - -	—	1
Attempted burglary, - - - - -	—	1
Seditious Publication, - - - -	—	1
Attempted armed robbery, - - -	—	1
Possession of materials for making forged notes,- - - - -	—	5
Attempted to obtain money by false pretences, - - - - -	—	1
Aiding and abetting in a piracy, -	1	—
Aiding and abetting prisoner to escape from lawful custody, - -	1	—
Falsification of accounts by clerk,-	2	—
Shooting and causing grievous bodily harm,- - - - -	1	—
Possessing explosive substance with intent, - - - - -	1	—
	<u>186</u>	<u>222</u>

The number of cases in which convictions were obtained was 60 as against 78 in 1913.

GAMBLING.

10. Two hundred and forty Gambling Warrants were executed as against 328 in 1913. There were 15 cases in which no conviction was obtained.

Twenty-eight were lottery cases, compared with 44 in 1913.

PROPERTY REPORTED STOLEN AND PROPERTY RECOVERED.

11. The estimated value of property stolen during the year was \$190,073.27 as against \$276,213.61 in 1913, a decrease of \$86,140.34, the average for the last five years being \$293,125.81.

The value of property recovered and restored to owners was \$26,997.59 as against \$70,004.00 in 1913, a decrease under property recovered in the previous year of \$43,006.41.

LOST PROPERTY.

12. The following is a return showing property lost or recovered :—

Year.	Articles reported lost.	Value lost.	Articles recovered and articles found which were not reported lost.	Value found.
1914	321	\$18,206.20	105	\$5,386.17
1913	412	25,710.35	74	\$5,651.44

OPIUM WARRANTS.

13. Two hundred and four Search Warrants for opium were executed by the Police and Excise Officers of the Opium Farm compared with 2,047 in 1913.

In 68 cases opium was found and 80 persons were arrested.

OPIUM DIVANS.

14. Seventy-three Warrants were executed by the Police for keeping Opium Divans. In 40 cases convictions were obtained, 1 case was discharged and in 32 cases no arrest was made.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

15. The Examiner of Weights and Measures made the following verifications :—

	Examined.	Correct.	Incorrect.
Foreign Scales,	273	269	4
Chinese Scales,	2,712	2,657	55
Yard Measures,	314	314	<i>Nil.</i>
Chek Measures,	543	543	<i>Nil.</i>

The following prosecutions were instituted under the Weights and Measures Ordinance :—

No. of Cases.	Convictions.	Total Amount of Fines.
59	59	\$522.00

DAINGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE.

16. The following prosecutions were instituted under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance :—

No. of Cases.	Convictions.	Total Amount of Fines.
6	6	\$35.00

FOOD AND DRUGS ORDINANCE.

17. The following prosecutions were instituted under the Food and Drugs Ordinance :—

No. of Cases.	Convictions.	Total Amount of Fines.
<i>Nil.</i>	<i>Nil.</i>	<i>Nil.</i>

Samples purchased and sent to Government Analyst :—

Brandy.	Whisky.	Rum.	Gin.	Port.	Sherry.	Ale.
6	6	6	2	4	2	6

All the above samples were certified to be genuine with the exception of one sample of brandy.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

18. Inspector Garrod was appointed Traffic Inspector on 1st August. Four Indian and one Chinese Constables were detailed for traffic duty from 12th October.

The following prosecutions were instituted under the Traffic Regulations :—

No. of Cases.	Convictions.	Discharged.	Withdrawn.	Total Amount of Fines.
Trucks 1,023,	993	18	12	} \$5,077.00
Rickshas 480,	468	12	...	
Chairs 88,	70	8	10	
Motor Cars 6,	5	1	...	
Bicycle 1,	1	...	...	
Total 1,598, ...	1,537	39	22	...

MENDICANTS.

19. Fifty-two beggars were dealt with by the Magistrate ; 99 were sent to Canton as follows :—

How often sent away.	Canton.
Once,	83
Twice,	10
Thrice,	4
Four times,	2
Total,	99

DEAD BODIES.

20. Table II shows the number of the unknown dead bodies found by the Police in the streets and elsewhere during the year.

DEPORTEES AND VAGRANTS.

21. 777 Persons were deported from Hongkong.

736 Persons deported from Singapore were sent on by Police.

- 8 Persons deported from British North Borneo were sent on by Police.
- 402 Vagrants were received from Singapore and sent on by Police.
- 591 Vagrants were received from Dutch East Indies and sent on by Police.
- 108 Vagrants were received from British North Borneo and sent on by Police.
- 1,286 Vagrants were received from Saigon and sent on by Police.
- 14,195 Coolies were received from Singapore and sent on by Police.

LICENCES.

22. The following Licences were issued during 1914 :—

- 1,150 Hongkong Jinrickshas.
- 16 Kowloon Garage Licences.
- 20 Kowloon Garage Drivers.
- 345 Kowloon Jinrickshas.
- 685 Hongkong Chairs.
- 60 Hill District Chairs.
- 13,406 Drivers and Bearers.
- 1,364 Truck Licences.
- 8 Private Vehicles.
- 33 Motor Cars (Livery).
- 19 Motor Cars (Private).
- 65 Motor Car Drivers.
- 19 Motor Cycle Licences.
- 20 Motor Cycle Drivers.
- 2 Auctioneers.
- 6 Licences to store Acetone.
- 8 Billiard Tables or Bowling Alleys.
- 4 Licences to store Calcium Carbide.
- 2 Licences to store Chlorate Mixture.
- 4 Licences to store Chlorate of Potassium and other Chlorates.
- 9 Licences to store Compressed Oxygen.
- 25 Licences to store Detonators.
- 7 Licences to store Dissolved Acetylene.
- 12 Distillery (Old Territories).
- 32 Distillery (New Territories).
- 50 Licences to store Dynamite.
- 54 Licences to store Ether and Alcoholic Liquids.
- 211 Licences to shoot and take game.
- 25 Licences to store Gunpowder.
- 12 Licences to store Kerosine Oil (in Godown).
- 1,208 Licences to store Kerosine Oil (Ordinary).

- 75 Licences to store Kerosine Oil (New Territories).
- 25 Marine Stores.
- 247 Money Changers.
- 90 Official Signatures.
- 37 Licences to store Naphtha and Benzine.
 - 1 Licence to store Naphtha and Benzine (in Garage).
 - 2 Licences to store Nitrobenzine or Oil of Mirbane.
- 96 Pawnbrokers.
 - 8 Licences to store Petroleum in bulk.
 - 5 Licences to store Phosphorus.
 - 6 Licences to store Rockets.
 - 1 Poison (Wholesale).
- 249 Spirit (Chinese, Old Territories).
- 83 Spirit (Chinese, New Territories).
- 28 Licences to store Sulphuric Acid and Nitric Acid.
- 6,744 Hawkers.

DOGS ORDINANCE.

- 23. 2,605 dogs were licensed during 1914.
 - 114 watch dogs were licensed free of charge.
 - 1,155 stray dogs were impounded, 408 were sent to the Dogs Home and 747 were destroyed.

ARMS ORDINANCE.

24. Seven licences to import and deal in arms and two to deal in sporting arms and ammunition were issued during 1914. During the whole year a Proclamation has been in force prohibiting the export of warlike stores from the Colony. The following arms and ammunition were confiscated during the year, viz :—

Eighteen Winchester rifles, 13 muskets, 5 rifles, 10 Mauser pistols, 25 automatic pistols, 7,870 rounds of Winchester ammunition, 4,947 rounds automatic pistols ammunition, 8,073 rounds Mauser pistols ammunition, 45 revolvers, 8,289 rounds revolver ammunition, 1,402 primers, 269 rounds sporting ammunition, 548 rounds various calibre ammunition, 3 daggers, 50 empty cylinders, 386 sticks dynamite, 346 detonators and 200 fuse coils.

EDUCATION.

25. During the year 7 Europeans and 26 Indians obtained certificates for knowledge of Chinese, 2 Europeans obtained certificates for Hindustani and 23 Indians obtained certificates for English.

MUSKETRY.

26. The Europeans and Indians were put through the usual course of musketry, and 20 Europeans and 30 Indians qualified as marksmen.

IDENTIFICATION BY FINGER IMPRESSIONS.

27. Four hundred and seventy-four persons were identified as having previous convictions against them, an increase of 18 as compared with last year.

One hundred and three identifications were those of criminals who had returned from banishment.

CONDUCT.

28. The conduct of the European Contingent (average strength 175) was good. The total number of reports against them was 51 as against 72 in 1913. There were 9 reports for being drunk or under the influence of drink as against 12 in 1913, 1 for sleeping on duty as against 6, and 3 for neglect of duty as against 2.

The conduct of the Indian Contingent (average strength 487) was good. There were 332 reports as against 440 for the preceding year. For drunkenness there were 27 as against 20, for disorderly conduct 33 as against 47, for neglect of duty 32 as against 73, for absence from duty 64 as against 95, for gossiping and idling on duty 61 as against 35, and for sleeping on duty 32 as against 29. 273 men had no report.

Seven Indian Constables were convicted by the Police Magistrate (three dismissed from the Force): 2 for assault, 3 for larceny and 2 for importing wine into the Colony.

The behaviour of the Chinese Contingent (average strength 621) was very fair. There were altogether 853 reports as against 906 in 1913. There were 3 reports for drunkenness (none last year), 127 for sleeping on duty as against 117, 18 for disorderly conduct as against 21, and 362 for minor offences as against 358; 188 men had no report.

Four Constables were convicted by the Police Magistrate (three dismissed), 1 for gambling, 1 for being in possession of raw opium, 1 for allowing a prisoner to escape and 1 for assault.

The seamen, coxswains, engineers and stokers (average strength 150) and 139 reports as compared with 193 for last year. For drunkenness there was no report (same as last year), and 77 for absence from station and late for duty as against 103 in the previous year. 85 had no report recorded against them.

Two seamen and one stoker were convicted by the Police Magistrate (all dismissed), 1 seaman for obtaining money with menaces, and 1 seaman and 1 stoker for larceny.

REWARDS.

29. One Chief Inspector, 8 Inspectors and 5 Sergeants were granted medal for long and meritorious services, and 1 European Constable was commended by His Excellency the Governor for pluck in attempting to secure a lunatic.

One Jemadar and two Indian Sergeant Majors were granted medals for long and faithful service. One Lance Sergeant was granted reward for prompt activity in arresting a man who had stolen jewellery and one Indian Constable was commended by His Excellency the Governor and granted a reward for his assistance in the smart capture of 3 robbers.

One Chinese Sergeant Major, 4 Chinese Sergeants and 2 Chinese Constables were granted medals for long and faithful services, 2 Chinese Constables were granted rewards for the smart arrest of a man for being in possession of dynamite and detonators, 1 Chinese Sergeant was granted a reward for zeal, intelligence and activity displayed in securing the arrest of 4 men who had committed larceny, 1 Chinese Constable was granted a reward for zeal and activity in arresting a man for snatching jewellery from a woman, 1 Chinese Constable was commended by His Excellency the Governor for good work done, 1 Chinese Constable was granted a reward for prompt action in saving the life of a Chinese woman who accidentally fell into the harbour, 1 Chinese Constable was granted a reward for smart capture of a snatcher and 1 Chinese Constable was granted a reward for very plucky and zealous action in effecting the arrest of a burglar.

HEALTH.

30. Admissions to Hospital during last three years were as follows :—

Nationality.	1912.		1913.		1914.	
	Average Strength.	Admissions.	Average Strength.	Admissions.	Average Strength.	Admissions.
Europeans,	164	104	175	125	175	142
Indians,	462	300	472	415	487	426
Chinese,	547	180	576	172	621	112

Return of Police treated in Government Civil Hospital for Fever or Dengue Fever from the 1st January to 31st December, 1914:—

Nationality.	Old Territories.		New Territories.	
	Average Strength.	Treated.	Average Strength.	Treated.
Europeans,	159	135	16	7
Indians,	346	321	141	105
Chinese,	572	100	49	12

In addition to cases treated in Hospital for Fever or Dengue Fever, the cases treated for Fever in the various stations in the New Territories without being removed to Hospital were:—

Europeans 18, Indians 72, Chinese 7.

EXECUTIVE STAFF.

31. The Deputy Superintendent (Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse) returned from leave on 12th October.

Major C. G. Woodhouse, who was seconded from the 126th Baluchistan Regiment as Assistant Superintendent, New Territories, returned to Military Service on 1st February when Mr. D. Burlingham was appointed in his place.

POLICE FORCE.

32. Twenty-one Europeans were engaged during the year, 18 were recruited from England and 3 enlisted locally. Table III shows changes in the personnel of the Force during the year, and Table IV the strength, expenditure and revenue for the past ten years.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES.

33. Three hundred and fifty-two men were sworn in after the outbreak of war in August and performed their duties in a most creditable manner.

C. MCI. MESSER,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

10th March, 1915.

ANNEXE A.

Report on the Water Police.

All the launches from 1 to 9 have completed their overhauls and are in good order.

No. 1 Launch has had extensive repairs during the year including a new high pressure cylinder and propeller. Built in 1900, this launch is about the fastest launch in the harbour, and is in good condition.

No. 2 Launch built in 1900. This launch was very badly strained when ashore during the typhoon of September, 1906, and was surveyed and condemned in May, 1914, as being unfit without very considerable expenditure for Police work. She was sold at public auction to Kwong Hip Loong for \$6,055 and the steam launch "Mee Lee" was chartered and fitted for Police work, pending the construction of a new launch.

The Mee Lee is in every way satisfactory, being fast, economical and commodious.

No. 3 Launch built in 1901 has been running well until quite recently when she developed boiler troubles. I anticipate a complete set of new tubes will be required at an early date.

No. 4 Launch is running well and is an excellent sea boat with good cruising speed. This launch has been fitted, during the year with two new deck water tanks.

No. 7 Launch was fitted with a steel "engine and boiler room casing", and also a new funnel, and is now running well.

The Motor Launch No. 9 has been running extremely well during the year and with a very small cost of upkeep, *i.e.*, \$360. This included a new cylinder. This launch costs about 45 cents per mile to run, for fuel alone.

An "Even-rude" overstern motor was fitted on a specially built boat and supplied to San Tin Station for the Deep Bay patrol, and I understand is satisfactory.

During the year a new Police sailing boat was built and supplied to Tai O Station. Also the boats from Aberdeen and Sha Tau Kok were overhauled and painted. All the Station boats were also overhauled and painted.

During the year quarterly practice with Maxim and rifle at a mark has been exercised, and in December the 3 launches, *i.e.*, 1, 2 and 4, practised firing at a moored target 5 feet square, whilst steaming full speed along a line of 3 buoys, laid at right angles to the target

i.e., 1,500 yards, 1,000 and 1,500 yards. The result of each run was marked by the motor boat and the P. C. spotting when the Sergeant fired his run and *vice versa*. The average number of shots got away on the run was 250, and on the whole the shooting was good, taking into consideration the smallness of the target and the length of the range, and I am satisfied that a junk at the same range would be badly hit about.

Signals have been exercised during the year by day and night with the various coastal Police Stations and short messages can be sent and received.

During the year:—

- 2 Europeans passed for coxswain.
- 9 Seamen were dismissed.
- 4 Seamen resigned.
- 2 Seamen died.
- 1 Seaman transferred to Land Force.

All the above vacancies were filled.

Various transfers took place during the year amongst the Europeans: Inspector Kerr returned from leave and resumed duty with the Water Police on 19th December. Inspector Murison and Inspector Gordon were in charge during various periods of the year.

C. W. BECKWITH, Commander, R.N.,
Assistant Supr. Water Police.

5th January, 1915.

ANNEXE B.

Report on the Police School.

Staff.—At the beginning of the year the Staff was reduced by 1 European Master and 1 Indian Master.

Mr. R. J. Birbeck assumed charge *vice* Mr. A. W. Grant who resigned on appointment as Second Master, Queen's College.

Mr. R. J. Birbeck's resignation was accepted on March 3rd and Mr. W. Curwen was appointed Master-in-charge.

Owing to the death of Mr. W. Curwen early in August, Mr. E. J. Edwards was appointed Master-in-charge on the 1st September.

Buildings.—School is held at Queen's College, three class rooms there being devoted for the purpose. These rooms are satisfactory in every respect. On Wednesdays when European Police Constables are attending a class is held for them in the Police Library, Central Police Station.

Attendance.—The following table gives the attendance during the year :—

Class.	No. of School Days.	Average Daily Attendance.
European Police Constables,	77	22
Indian „ „	92	24·6
Gaol Staff,.....	94	20·1

Average Daily Attendance 46·9.

Examinations.—During the year 15 European Police Constables obtained Certificates of Exemption and 18 Certificates were obtained by the Indian Police Constables and Gaol Staff.

General Remarks.—Considering the fact that duty prevents the men from attending regularly progress is on the whole satisfactory. Special attention is now being given to Colloquial English in the instruction of the Indian Police Constables and Gaol Staff, and it is hoped that a great improvement in this important subject will be made.

E. J. EDWARDS,
Master-in-charge.

12th February, 1915.

Table I.

RETURN OF SERIOUS AND MINOR OFFENCES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN COM

Serious Offences.																				
1913.	Robbery with Violence and Assault with intent to rob.			Burglaries.			Larcenies and Larcenies in Dwelling Houses.			Other Felonies.			Assaults and Disorderly Conduct.			Gambling.			Kidna	
	Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Cases.	C
Europeans and Americans,	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	7	3	3	3	...	52	55	8	1	1	...	...	.
Indians,	...	...	...	1	1	...	8	5	3	4	4	1	45	55	4	2	9	...	...	.
Chinese,	104	32	16	107	22	4	2,442	850	221	238	87	45	518	717	79	763	4,479	168	24	2
Total,	104	32	16	108	23	4	2,459	862	227	245	94	46	615	827	91	766	4,489	168	24	2
1914.																				
Europeans and Americans,	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	49	50	5	...	...	...	...	.
Indians,	2	...	2	...	...	...	8	1	7	...	...	...	33	36	10	...	...	...	...	.
Chinese,	47	22	19	90	13	2	2,244	738	234	204	90	66	397	571	111	521	2,564	279	6	
Total,	49	22	21	91	13	3	2,255	741	242	207	92	67	479	657	126	521	2,564	279	6	

Table I.

REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED DURING THE YEARS 1913 AND 1914.

			Minor Offences.																				
nd y	Gambling.			Kidnapping.			Women and Girls Protection Ordinance.			Unlawful Possession.			Drunkenness.			Nuisances.			Miscellaneous Offences.			Total of all cases.	
	Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.		Discharged.
8	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	20	1	1	...	1	55	51	11	142	
4	2	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	17	1	3	3	...	26	26	6	107	
79	763	4,479	168	24	21	12	122	100	56	388	376	96	17	17	...	1,485	1,485	...	5,554	8,376	683	11,762	
91	766	4,489	168	24	21	12	122	100	56	388	376	96	56	54	2	1,489	1,488	1	5,635	8,453	700	12,011	
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	21	4	...	...	...	40	34	15	121	
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	...	2	11	11	...	2	1	1	33	118	7	92	
11	521	2,564	279	6	4	7	62	42	31	310	279	84	19	19	...	1,155	1,155	...	3,549	4,212	515	8,604	
26	521	2,564	279	6	4	7	63	43	31	312	279	86	55	51	4	1,157	1,156	1	3,622	4,364	537	8,817	

Table II.

DUMPED BODIES, 1914.

VICTORIA.												KOWLOON.												H							
Under one month.			1 month and under 1 year.			1 year and under 5 years.			5 years and under 15 years.		15 years and over.		Under one month.			1 month and under 1 year.			1 year and under 5 years.			5 years and under 15 years.		15 years and over.		Under one month.			1 month and under 1 year.		
m.	f.	sex unk.	m.	f.	sex unk.	m.	f.	sex unk.	m.	f.	m.	f.	m.	f.	sex unk.	m.	f.	sex unk.	m.	f.	sex unk.	m.	f.	m.	f.	m.	f.	sex unk.	m.	f.	sex unk.
9	4	2	7	10	...	25	17	...	11	8	56	5	9	10	2	38	24	...	48	50	...	17	25	37	11	5	4	...	8	6	

Year.	Victoria.	Kowloon.	Harbour.	Elsewhere.	Total.	Males.	Females.
1910,	80	76	63	76	295	192	9
1911,	99	58	31	53	241	146	8
1912,	194	171	77	95	537	294	23
1913,	103	198	52	49	402	221	17
1914,	154	271	66	60	551	331	21

Table II.

DUMPED BODIES, 1914.

			HARBOUF..												ELSEWHERE.														
years nd der years.	15 years and over.		Under one month.			1 month and under 1 year.			1 year and under 5 years.			5 years and under 15 years.		15 years and over.		Under one month.			1 month and under 1 year.			1 year and under 5 years.			5 years and under 15 years.		15 years and over.		Total.
f.	m.	f.	m.	f.	sex unk.	m.	f.	sex unk.	m.		sex unk.	m.	f.	m.	f.	m.	f.	sex unk.	m.	f.	sex unk.	m.	f.	sex unk.	m.	f.	m.	f.	
25	37	11	5	4	...	8	6	1	12	8	2	1	4	9	6	1	...	...	3	4	...	13	10	1	6	3	16	3	551

Elsewhere.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Unknown.	Children.	Adults.
76	295	192	94	9	158	137
53	241	146	85	10	174	67
95	537	294	239	4	413	124
49	402	221	170	11	318	84
60	551	331	212	8	408	143

Table III.

Return showing the Establishments and Casualties in the Force, 1914.

Nationality.	Establishment of the Force.	Enlistments.	Deaths.	Resignations through sickness.	Resignations through expiry of terms of service or otherwise.	Dismissals or Desertions.	Total number of Casualties.
Europeans, ..	175	21	5	2	6	3	16
Indians,	487	58	5	1	31	15	52
Chinese,	621	111	12	...	14	62	88
Total,...	1,283	190	22	3	51	80	156

This number includes the Police paid by other Departments also the Engineers, Coxswains and Stokers, but it is exclusive of:—

- 1 Captain Superintendent,
- 1 Deputy Superintendent,
- 1 Assistant Superintendent,
- 1 Assistant Superintendent, New Territories,
- 1 Probationer,
- 1 Accountant,
- 1 Clerk and Hindustani Interpreter,
- 5 Clerks,
- 6 Telephone Clerks,
- 90 Messengers and Coolies, and
- 8 Indians and 13 Chinese who are employed by Private Firms.

Strength on the 31st December, 1914.

—	Europeans.	Indians.	Chinese.	Total.
Present,	160	429	594	1,183
Absent on leave,	6	47	27	80
Vacancies,	9	11	...	20
Total Establishment,	175	487	621	1,283

Table IV.

Table showing the Total Strength, Expenditure and Revenue of the Police and Fire Brigade Departments for the years 1905 to 1914.

Year.	Total Strength.		Expenditure.		Revenue Collected by the Police Force.
	Police Force.	Fire Brigade.	Police Force.	Fire Brigade.	
			\$	\$	\$
1905,...	1,018	97	509,298	28,956	130,873
1906,...	1,047	97	515,874	25,499	134,212
1907,...	1,048	96	522,406	46,250	138,417
1908,...	1,046	96	556,607	31,172	124,288
1909,...	1,054	97	564,835	72,227	125,958
1910,...	1,042	103	583,847	41,548	161,420
1911, .	1,102	103	586,985	32,421	162,026
1912,...	1,196	105	591,076	41,263	172,397
1913,...	1,247	105	756,663	35,319	185,250
1914,...	1,304	106	789,100	35,913	193,915

NOTE.—No revenue is collected by the Fire Brigade.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
FIRE BRIGADE.

There were 34 Fires and 50 Incipient Fires during the year against 13 and 75 in 1913. Details are given in Table I.

The estimated damage caused by Fires was \$651,318.00 and by Incipient Fires \$612.00 as against \$223,615.00 and \$1,393.80 in 1913.

The Brigade turned out 43 times during the year (46 in 1913).

2. There was constant supply of water in the fire mains throughout the year.

3. One fire occurred in the harbour during the year.

4. There were no prosecutions for arson during the year.

5. There are 38 Despatch Boxes kept in different places in Victoria and 12 in Kowloon, 8 different telephones to which the Police can have access to communicate with the Central Station in the event of a fire, and 12 Street Fire Alarms.

6. I enclose copy of a report by the Engineer on the state of Fire Engines (Annexe A).

7. The Brigade attended 8 calls received by Street Fire Alarms.

8. The conduct of the Brigade has been good.

C. McI. MESSER,
Superintendent of Fire Brigade.

10th March, 1915.

ANNEXE A.

HONGKONG, *17th February, 1915.*

SIR,—I have the honour to forward the Annual Report on the condition of the Government Fire Brigade Machinery and Equipment for the year ending 31st December, 1914.

No. 1 Fire Float.

This vessel which has now been on regular duty for about 5 years was thoroughly overhauled in September. The boilers were