

Appendix C.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS FOR THE YEAR 1924.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(*Tables I and II*)

REVENUE.

1. The revenue derived from all sources during the year was \$18,716 ; more than that for 1923 by \$1,939.

EXPENDITURE.

2. The total expenditure was \$27,513 as compared with \$28,795 in 1922.

PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.

(*Table III*).

Women and Girls Protection Ordinance, No. 4 of 1897.

Po Leung Kuk Incorporation Ordinance, No. 6 of 1893.

3. The number of persons detained under warrant and sent direct to the Po Leung Kuk during the year was 35 as compared with 57 in 1923 ; the action taken in each case (as also in those cases not decided at the end of 1923) is shewn in Table III. The number of women whose detention was found unnecessary and who were allowed to leave after investigation was 10 or 28.5%, as compared with 48 or 84.2% in 1923 ; 14 were sent to their native places ; 1 was released under bond ; 3 were restored to their relatives ; 6 were sent to Charitable Institutions in China ; while 1 case was still under consideration on December 31st.

4. In this year one name was added to the list of girls under bond to report themselves periodically to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. The names of two girls who were married were struck off the list. The number of names on the list on December 31st, was 9.

5. The number of persons reported by Hongkong residents to the Po Leung Kuk as missing during the year was 49, of whom 24 were found, as compared with 46 and 25 in 1923. The total number of persons reported missing including reports from China and Macao was 63, of whom 30 were found, as compared with 26 out of 63 in 1923.

EMIGRATION.

Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, No. 30 of 1915.

(i).—EMIGRATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN, (FREE).

(Table IV).

6. The number of female and minor passengers examined and allowed to proceed abroad was 19,622 (women 12,548, girls 2,069 and boys 5,005) as compared with 18,479 in 1923.

7. The record of the occupations of the female emigrants over 16 years of age shows that out of a total of 12,548, 4,096 were going to join relatives, 4,370 with relatives or husbands, 445 as tailoresses, 457 as prostitutes, 2,990 as maidservants or nurses, 3 as cooks, 136 to work on the land. There were also 32 actresses, 10 hairdressers, 5 students and 4 miners.

8. 3 women were detained for enquiries ; 26 were detained in 1923.

9. Repatriation of Women and Girls.—

(a) *From Singapore*.—Seventy-nine (79) prostitutes were sent back from Singapore of whom seventy-three (73) were returned on the ground that they were too young to practise prostitution.

An application was received for the recovery of a woman who had emigrated to Singapore but she has not yet been found.

(b) *From Penang*.—One prostitute was repatriated during the year.

(c) *From Perak*.—2 girls taken into Perak for immoral purpose were returned at their own request and handed back to their mothers.

(d) *From Bangkok*.—1 girl who was supposed to have been kidnapped from China was sent back to her relatives at Canton.

10. Prosecutions under the Women and Girls Protection Ordinance undertaken by this office number 7 with 4 convictions as compared with 14 cases and 11 convictions in 1923.

(ii).—MALE EMIGRATION, (ASSISTED).

(Table V).

11. The figures for the year show a decline in the number of assisted emigrants, which was only about 80% of the number in 1923.

(a) *Banca*.—The assisted emigration to Banca continued during the year. There was an increase of about 50% as compared with 1923.

(b) *Deli, Sumatra*.—The Assisted Emigration to Deli was only about 80% of that in comparison with 1923.

(c) *British North Borneo, Sandakan and Miri*.—The figures for 1924 were about 90% of those in 1923, but the total is still below that of 1920.

(d) There were 577 emigrants to Ocean Island, 541 to Singapore, 4 to Solomon Island and 52 to Calcutta, while there was no emigrant during the year to Billiton as against 2,611 in 1923.

(iii).—MISCELLANEOUS.

12. The total number of free emigrants to the Fiji Islands passed through this office was 18 as compared with 55 in 1923. The men went as usual in small parties at irregular intervals.

13. *Decrepits*.—The number of decrepits repatriated was as follows:—

(a) *From Penang*.—One hundred and sixty-four (164) as against 441 in 1923, of these 1 died in the Tung Wa Hospital and 3 left the Tung Wa Hospital of their own accord. The remainder were repatriated at the expense of the protector of Chinese, Penang.

(b) *From Singapore*.—18 were returned from Singapore as compared with 172 in 1923 and 12 in 1922.

(c) *From British North Borneo*.—One hundred and eighty-nine (189) decrepits repatriated from British North Borneo as compared with one hundred and seventeen (117) in 1923, were sent to their homes in the usual way. All the charges incurred were refunded by Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Company, the agents in Hongkong of the British North Borneo Government.

14. *Repatriation of assisted emigrants*.—

(a) *From Banca*.—Three hundred and ninety-three (393) assisted coolies rejected by the medical officer were repatriated from Banca, as compared with ninety-three (93) in 1923. All were sent home by the Tung Wa Hospital and the expenses incurred refunded by the Holland China Trading Company by whom the coolies were recruited.

(b) *From Balik Papan*.—No assisted coolie rejected by the medical officer was repatriated from Balik Papan as compared with nine (9) in 1923.

15. *Redemption of Assisted Emigrants.*—Twenty (20) applications of this nature were received as compared with ten (10) in 1923.

(a.) *Banca.*—Sixteen (16) applications were received, and all the men were repatriated and handed back to their relatives.

(b.) *Singapore.*—Two (2) applications were received and forwarded to the Protector of Chinese, Singapore, and all the men were repatriated and handed back to their relatives.

(c.) *Deiti, Sumatra.*—No application was received during the year as compared with 3 in 1923.

16. Six (6) passage broker's licences at \$200 each were issued under the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, No. 30 of 1915.

17. A classification of assisted emigrants according to language spoken is given in Table V.

THE BOARDING HOUSE ORDINANCE.

No. 23 of 1917.

18. Under this Ordinance Chinese Boarding Houses are divided into six classes for the purpose of licensing and regulation.

19. *Class I, Chinese Hotels.*—These are run very much on the lines of European Hotels, and are licensed for the sale of alcohol. There are only three houses of this class in the Colony, the Great Eastern, the Oriental and the Stag.

20. *Class II, Hak U.*—These are large boarding houses, which cater principally for independent emigration and interport passenger business. During the year four (4) new boarding houses of this class were opened. At the end of the year the houses numbered forty-two (42) all of which had renewed their licences. The lawful accommodation provided by these forty-two (42) house is five thousand and sixty-three (5,063) persons as compared with three thousand three hundred and ninety-eight (3,398) for twenty-three (23) houses in 1923.

The above two classes of Boarding Houses are reported to have done fair business during the year.

21. The distinction hitherto made between 1st and 2nd Class Hak U was abolished and the annual fee for the licence of a Hak U was fixed at \$200, and conditions 9 and 10 of 1917 regulations, imposing maximum charges, were rescinded.

22. *Class IV, Boarding Houses for Assisted Emigrants.*—These houses are mainly used by assisted emigrants and their recruiters, who may not, while in this Colony, be lodged in any other place. During the year four (4) existing houses were closed and no new ones opened. At the end of the year there were ten (10) houses in existence, with lawful accommodation for four hundred and five (405) men as compared with twelve (12) houses accommodating one thousand one hundred and fifty-one (1,151) men at the end of 1923.

During the year one (1) licence for the transfer of names of licensees, for the removal of premises or for the addition of floors was issued to Boarding Houses of Class II, as compared with two (2) licences issued to houses of classes II and IV in 1923.

23. *Class V, Ku Li Kun* (lodging houses for coolies).—618 licences were issued as against 396 in 1923; of these 532 were renewed at the end of the year as against 385 in 1923. 6 licences were issued for transfer of name of licensee or for removal of premises as against 3 in 1923. No prosecution was instituted against houses of this class (in 1923 there were 5).

24. *Class VI, Ku Kung Ngyoi U* (lodging houses for employees of firms).—217 licences were issued as against 251 in 1923; of these 196 were renewed at the end of the year as against 197 in 1923. 5 licences were issued for transfer of name of licensee or for removal of premises, (in 1923 there were also 5). No prosecution was instituted against houses of this class (in 1923 there was none).

25. *Class VII, Hung Shun Kun* (residential clubs for seamen).—104 licences were issued as against 116 in 1923; of these 102 were renewed at the end of the year as against 110 in 1923. 4 licences were issued for transfer of name of licensee or for removal of premises as against 7 in 1923. No prosecutions were instituted against houses of this class (in 1923 there were also none).

REGULATION OF CHINESE.

Ordinance No. 3 of 1888.

(i).—REGISTRATION OF HOUSEHOLDERS.

26. Nine hundred and fifty (950) householders were registered as against 1,082 in 1923; of these 171 were first registrations as against 107 in 1923; 1,037 changes of tenancy were also notified for registration as against 2,700 in 1923.

27. The number of Chinese business men in Victoria and Kowloon offering themselves as sureties to Government Departments and reported on by this office was 1,015 as against 1,089 in 1923.

28. No non-resident householder was required to enter into a bond; there was also none in 1923. 33 certified extracts from the registers were issued as against 23 in 1923. 1 duplicate Householder's certificate was issued; there was none in 1923. 1 Householder's Removal Certificate was issued as against 6 in 1923.

(ii.)—DISTRICT WATCHMEN.

(Table VI.)

29. The District Watchmen Committee met on 12 occasions; the average attendance being 12. The loyal advice and assistance of the Committee (which deals with every kind of question affecting the Chinese Community) continues to be of the greatest value to the Government.

30. Mr. Li Yau-tsun's term of 5 years expired and he was re-appointed by His Excellency the Governor for a further period of 5 years.

During 1924 the two members selected from the retiring Committee of the Tung Wa Hospital and the Po Leung Kuk who hold their appointments for one year, were Mr. Wong Ping Sun and Mr. Fok To Kai vice Mr. Lo Chung Kui and Mr. Li Shun Fan whose terms had expired.

31. The balance to the credit of the District Watchmen Fund at the end of the year was \$45,714 as compared with \$49,758, the expenditure thus exceeding the income by \$4,044. Of the balance \$28,000 is invested in Hongkong 6% War Loan, and the remainder \$17,714 deposited in the Colonial Treasury.

32. The total strength of the District Watchmen Force at the end of the year was 122 while the approved establishment is 122.

33. The number of convictions secured by the Force was 498 as compared with 239 in 1923 and 289 in 1922.

34. In view of the rapid development of the Colony and the increase in its population, it has been felt for some years that the strength of the District Watch Force should be raised. In March an officer, Sergeant McLellan, was detailed from the regular police, and attached to this department for special work in charge of the regular duties and non-detective members of the Force. The opportunity was taken to recruit 20 more men, thus raising the total of men to 122. In order to meet the increased expenditure thus involved, the voluntary subscription rate paid by Chinese shops was increased by one-quarter per cent with effect from July the 1st. The result of Sergeant McLellan's appointment has been to stimulate in a satisfactory manner

the men under his charge, while at the same time the essential character of the District Watch Force has been in no way sacrificed. With regard to the work of the detective branch of the Force, which has greatly increased in importance during the last few years, splendid work has again been done by Inspector Appleton throughout the year, and his impending retirement will be a severe loss to this department. The Captain Superintendent of Police was on occasion present by invitation at the Councils of the Committee, and it is satisfactory to note the close co-operation between the two forces. A site was granted by the Government for the new District Watchmen Quarters at Yaumati, and plans had been prepared and were under consideration at the end of the year.

(iii.)—PERMITS.

35. One thousand three hundred and one (1301) permits to fire crackers were issued as against eight hundred and eighty-nine (889) in 1923, and of these eight hundred and seventy five (875) were on the occasion of marriage.

36. Other permits issued were 35 for religious ceremonies and 6 for processions. 194 permits were issued for theatricals, 156 of which performances were held in permanent and 28 in temporary buildings.

MARRIAGES.

Ordinances No. 7 of 1875 and No. 6 of 1903.

37. The number of marriages solemnised during the year was 710 as compared with 154 in 1923. The number contracted at the Registrar's Office was 27. In 1923 it was 30.

CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY TO CHINESE PROCEEDING TO
ANY FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Ordinance No. 6 of 1923.

38. 12 certificates were issued to Chinese to proceed to foreign countries as against 5 in 1923.

BRITISH BORN SUBJECT CERTIFICATES.

39. There were twelve applications for these certificates, eight of which were granted and certificates issued; four were refused.

There was an application for naturalisation, which was refused as the applicant was too young.

REGISTRATION OF BOOKS.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1888.

40. Thirty-eight books were registered during the year as compared with fifty-one in 1923.

TUNG WA HOSPITAL AND MAN MO TEMPLE.

Ordinances No. 1 of 1870, No. 9 of 1904 and No. 10 of 1908.

(Tables VII to XI)

41. The following is a list of the Directors for 1924:—

Ma Chi-lung,	Kwan Yik-chi,
Yik Kei-chau,	Uen Man-chun,
Au Long-hin,	Chan Sui-ki,
Tang Shiu-kin,	Lau Yuk-wan,
Leung Ki-ho,	Ho Tat-sang,
Lai Man-wai,	Wong Tsui-chui,
Tong Hok-ting,	Lam Lai-tin.

The following gentlemen were elected to form the Committee for 1925:—

Ma Tsui-chiu,	Tse Yat-cho,
Mok Ching-kong,	Chau Tsun-nin,
Kong Siu-lui,	Ng Tsang-luk,
Fung Siu-wai,	Chan Siu-hing,
Su Shau-nam,	Choa Po-iu,
Ng Fan-shiu,	Chu Chik-man,
Kung Yeuk-man,	Chan Fun-tin.

42. The year's work (1924) was carried out with the usual efficiency and care. The chief event calling for special effort on the part of the Committee was the disastrous outbreak of floods in Kwong Tung. The appeal for help was urgent, and as usual met with generous response from the Chinese of this Colony as well as elsewhere. Over \$400,000 was raised by Chinese subscription, and \$50,000 was granted by the Hongkong Government. \$97,255 was spent on measures of immediate relief, and \$246,126 was allocated to the winter repair to embankments which always form so costly a part of relief work after exceptionally severe floods. In addition certain sums were voted from the Tung Wa Hospital Fund to the assistance of flood relief in Fukien Province and in North China.

43. The total number of in-patients admitted during 1924 was 9,149 as compared with 10,142 in 1923 and 8,079 in 1922. Of these 4,871 or 52% as against 51% in 1923 elected to be treated by European methods.

The out-patients numbered 197,736 as against 166,422 in 1923 and 166,002 in 1922, and of these 48,140 or 24% as against 25% in 1923, chose European treatment.

44. The number of surgical operations performed was 366 as against 357 in 1923. There were also 187 eye operations performed as against 113 in 1923.

45. The number of destitutes temporarily housed and then sent to their homes was 945 (1,009 in 1923); most of whom were sent to the Hospital from this office.

46. Of the Charitable Funds managed by the Hospital, the Man Mo Temple Fund (Table XI) shows an excess of receipts over expenditure of \$44,729, an increase of \$4,876 over the balance of 1923. The Maternity Hospital at Saiyingpun shows a credit balance of \$894 (Table XII A).

47. The income from the Brewin Charity Fund for the year exceeded the expenditure by \$7,746.39.

The amount spent in gratuities and pensions was \$5,162 as compared with \$4,963 in 1923 and \$4,847 in 1922.

\$6,000 is invested in Hongkong 6% War Bonds.

In June a pleasing ceremony took place at the Tung Wa Hospital when H.E. the Governor unveiled the portrait of Sir Richard Graves Macdonnell under whose governorship the Hospital was founded in 1871. A project was set on foot which received the warmest support from the Tung Wa Hospital Committee and many public-spirited gentlemen of the Colony, by which it is hoped that the sphere of the Tung Wa Hospital will be extended. The growth of the Colony has caused the accommodation at the Tung Wa Hospital to be unequal to the demand upon it, and it is proposed that a Branch Hospital shall be built in the Eastern District. Difficulty was experienced in finding a site in that part of the town. Various places were inspected by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in conjunction with a Committee of Chinese gentlemen, and towards the close of the year a most promising site was found with the assistance of the Director of Public Works near Causeway Bay. Application has been made to Government for some 30,000 sq. ft. of land adjoining a new 100-foot road, and it is hoped that before long a Branch Hospital of the Tung Wa will be erected with 100 beds and room for further extension.

KWONG WA HOSPITAL.

Tables XIV to XV (B).

48. The work of the Hospital continued to show an increase during 1924. In all 6,460 patients were admitted (as against 6,039 in 1923) of whom 4,657 or 72% (as against 68% in 1923 and 69% in 1922) came under European treatment, while 1,803 elected to be treated by Chinese methods.

49. The total number of out-patients treated was 79,891 as against 68,179 in 1923; of these 31,572 elected to receive European treatment. This gives a percentage of 40 as against one of 36 in 1923.

The extension mentioned in last year's report was taken in hand and was nearing completion at the end of the year. This extension will help to relieve the pressure on the space hitherto available but the Kowloon Peninsula is developing at such a rate that further extension must soon become necessary. Mr. Lau Pui Sang and his colleagues on the Committee are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have attended to the building of the present extension. The garden lot in front of the hospital was also developed during the year.

CHINESE PUBLIC DISPENSARIES AND PLAGUE HOSPITALS.

(Tables XVI to XXI).

50. The total number of cases treated at the Dispensaries was 157,791 as compared with 142,744 in 1923. Of this total 87,570 were new and 70,221 return cases.

51. The total number of vaccinations performed was 7,769 as against 36,454 in 1923.

52. The total expenditure on the Dispensaries, was \$43,989 as against \$38,351 in 1923.

53. The net revenue of the Dispensaries, excluding a grant of \$9,000 by Government was \$48,582 as compared with \$46,131 in 1923.

54. The two Kowloon Dispensaries at Hunghom and Shamshuipo show balances of \$4,883 and \$11,995 respectively. In 1923 the balances were \$4,408 and \$6,878.

55. The number of dead and dying infants brought to the Dispensaries was 1,433 as against 1,510 in 1923.

56. 1,295 corpses were removed to hospital or mortuary as against 1,328 in 1923; 522 applications for coffins were received as against 514 in 1923; and there were 187 attendances for the cleansing of infected premises as against 366 in 1923.

57. The Dispensaries Committee are again indebted to the authorities of the Alice Memorial Hospital for assistance in the matter of the issue of medicines and drugs, and the regulation of their consumption.

58. The number of bodies considered by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs to have been abandoned during the year was 1,673 as compared with 1,502 in 1923. (Table XX).

Of the 1,673 bodies abandoned none were taken to the Chinese Public Dispensaries: there were also none in 1923.

59. Table XIX compiled from statistics in the Sanitary Department shows the number of death certificates issued in proportion to the total number of Chinese deaths, and the number of cases in which post-mortem examinations were held.

TSAN YUK MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

West Point.

(a.) This hospital was formally opened in October 1922. 32 beds were available for patients and 600 cases in all were admitted as against 436 in 1923.

There were no changes in the nursing staff. 6 new pupil nurses have been admitted and have entered for the two years course of training required by the Midwives Board.

Infant Welfare Centre. 309 babies were brought with a total of 1863 visits.

A charge of 20 cents a day is made for patients in the general wards, but no patient is refused admittance, even if she is unable to pay anything. Patients who occupy a private room pay \$2 or \$1 a day, and no tips are allowed to anyone in the employment of the hospital. \$2,692.20 was received from patients, \$1,788.40 from private patients and \$903.80 from the general ward patients.

WAN TSAI MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

(b.) The work of this hospital has steadily increased since it was established in 1919. 855 cases were admitted as against 814 in 1923.

The two nurses have been there since the opening, and they have given great satisfaction in their work.

A charge of 20 cents a day is made, and only 6 out of 855 patients were unable to pay this. Two small private wards are available for patients at \$2 a day. Altogether \$1,713.00 was received from patients in fees, \$619.00 from private ward patients and \$1,094.00 from the general ward patients.

CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY.

(Table XXII.)

The balance increased from \$29,347 in 1923 to \$31,045; in 1922 the balance was \$24,030.

60. Translation Work done in the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs during the year 1924.

Translation from Chinese into English.	Translation from English into Chinese.
Petitions 144	Ordinances 6
Letters 228	Regulations 66
Newspaper articles and items of news ... } 47	Government notices... 185
Unspecified 242	Minutes 1
Total.....661	Unspecified 83
	Total.....341

Grand total,..... 1,002.

The total number of translations done by the Translator was thus 1,002 as against 792 in 1923, 758 in 1922, and 608 in 1921.

61. In addition, a large number of translations made in other Government Departments are sent to this office for revision. Much translation work is done by members of the staff other than the Translator, but of this no record is kept.

CHINESE RECREATION GROUND.

(Table XXIII.)

62. The income from stalls was \$3,342 (in 1923 it was also \$3,342.) The Ground continued to make a contribution of \$100 a month to the funds of the Tsan Yuk Hospital.

PASSAGE MONEY FUND.

(Table XXIV.)

63. The net income of the Fund was \$528 and the total expenditure \$602 as compared with \$640 and \$482 last year.

RENT ORDINANCE.

For the first few months of the year the nature and numbers of the rent cases remained the same as in the latter part of 1923.

Tenants on receipt of a notice to quit issued by the landlord, almost invariably consulted this office on the legality of the notice. The notices frequently failed to conform to the requirements of the Rents Ordinance 1922-23.

Throughout the year, cases arising from the demolition of party walls were numerous, but were generally settled amicably by arrangement between the tenant of the adjoining house, his landlord, and the landlord of the house to be demolished and rebuilt.

There were cases where an increase over standard rent was demanded and received. In many of these cases, it was found that the tenants had approached the landlord with an offer of increased rent if he would refrain from demolishing the house.

Cases where rent is refused by the landlord have always been frequent. The landlord is summoned and advised to accept payment, and the tenant at the same time sent to inform the Registrar, Supreme Court, in case the landlord should seek to get him to quit by means of a distress warrant.

Ordinance I of 1924 of 7th March altered the nature of the cases considerably, although the effect was not fully felt till the three months' notice, given in the notices issued before the amendment, had expired; as tenants sought advice more often towards the end of the period than immediately on receipt of the notice. Several notices to quit were issued by both architects and solicitors after the passing of this amendment which failed to conform to the requirement that the Building Authority's certificate should state that the intended reconstruction is desirable.

As comparatively few such "desirability certificates" were issued, there have been frequent appeals by landlords from the Building Authority to the Governor-in-Council. In these cases a report has been prepared on the nature of the tenancy of the house in question and the views of the tenants on the proposed demolition. In cases when the appeal has been granted, the tenants have been informed accordingly by this office and told that they should receive three months' notice from the landlord.

There have also been petitions from landlords for exemption from the provisions of the Rents Ordinance, generally cases where the landlord wishes to assume the tenancy of his own house.

Tenants, after having been served with valid notices to quit under Rents Ordinance 1922-23, have occasionally appealed for exemption from the provisions of Section 4 (1) (f) thereof. Such cases have generally found their way to the Law Courts. With the amendment of March 1924 in operation, they do not arise.

As a result of this amendment the nature of the work of this department in cases of demolition and reconstruction has completely altered in the last few months. Instead of tenants coming to seek advice on the validity of the notice to quit which they have received, they are now summoned to show reason why the appeal of the landlord for the grant of a "desirability certificate" should not be upheld.

The effect of the Amending Ordinance of March 1924 not only by checking indiscriminate reconstruction but also by depriving landlords of the unlawful increase in rent which the mere

threat to demolish had hitherto frequently brought them, has undoubtedly been for the welfare of tenants and a more complete fulfilment of the spirit of the original ordinance.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

As a result of the visit paid by Mr. Hallifax to British North Borneo in July 1923 at the request of the British North Borneo Government, a deputation of elders from the Shing-Mun group of villages in the New Territory went to Borneo as guests of the Borneo Government with a view to the encouragement of migration to Borneo by Chinese families of a good farming class. The deputation was away for several weeks, and on its return the members reported that they had received the most generous and friendly treatment from the Borneo Government, and that no pains had been spared to show them all that was required; but after full consideration and discussion with their fellow-villagers, they came to the conclusion that the prospects were not such as to justify them in removing their homes to that country. Other investigations, having in view of the same object, that is to say, the encouragement of good Chinese emigration into North Borneo, were made during the year by Mr. Lo Shun Wing on behalf of certain Chinese gentlemen in this Colony. A full and interesting report was drawn up after his return, and has been sent to the Borneo Government.

PASSENGER PASSES TO SINGAPORE.

At the request of the Singapore Government, an experiment was tried of issuing passenger passes to 1st and 2nd Class passengers from Hongkong to Singapore. In due course it will no doubt be clear whether these passes are of material assistance to the Singapore Government, and whether it is desirable to continue to issue them.

REGULATION OF FACTORIES.

Industrial Employment of Children Ordinance.—The administration of this Ordinance has proceeded smoothly throughout the year. There are 28 factories, 8 in Hongkong and 20 in Kowloon, which employ altogether about 300 children.

As against 1923 there is a slight increase in the number of factories concerned, principally in the knitting industry; but the number of children employed has been considerably reduced. All the factories have become well accustomed to the keeping of a register of the children they employ.

The employment of children in glass factories is prohibited by the Ordinance, and constant visits were paid to the 34 glass factories of the Colony. It is noted that the number of glass factories has nearly doubled during the year, and all of them seem to do a brisk trade.

One company is experimenting with a mechanical glass blower which is said to give results superior to those obtained by the ordinary methods, but the initial cost is high.

On no occasion was any child found to be employed in any of these factories: Similarly in workshops where boiler chipping is carried on, no case of child employment was discovered.

Fire-works manufacture is another industry in which the employment of children is prohibited. There is only one firm in the Colony which makes fire-works, and its factory is a large roomy building with safety appliances. No children are employed there.

The question of accidents in factories has been engaging the attention of the Government, and legislation was under consideration at the end of the year with a view to the compulsory provision of safety guards and the fencing of exposed machinery. In the large factories a certain measure of success has already been obtained in this direction, but the smaller factories provide a problem which points to the necessity of legislation.

64. The allocation of the Annual Grant of \$25,000 to Local Chinese Charities was the same as last year, viz :—

Kwong Wa Hospital,	\$15,000
Shauiwan Chinese Public Dispensary,.....	5,000
Shamshuipo Chinese Public Dispensary,	3,000
Kowloon City Chinese Public Dispensary, ...	2,000
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LABOUR.

A list is given below of trades in which dispute arose during 1924 calling for investigation by this department. With the exception of the moulders' strike, there was no unusual difficulty in reaching a settlement, although in every case there was certain amount of intimidation, and it was necessary to give District Watch protection.

The moulders' strike was a more difficult affair, affecting as it did all European dock-yards including the Naval Yard as well as all the Chinese yards and foundries. After nearly 3 months the Chinese owners reached a compromise with the men; and before 4 months had elapsed work was resumed at the European yards also, the demands of the men being dropped. It should be said that the employers showed the greatest readiness to examine the question of moulders' rates of pay and their ability or otherwise to pay more in view of competition outside Hongkong; and the European owners maintained, and based their argument on careful

figures, that it was economically impossible merely to raise the rate of daily pay without a corresponding increase in out-put. They accordingly drew up a bonus scheme based on out-put which was calculated to give a substantial increase to the employees. The scheme, however, was not favoured by the men who reiterated their request for a direct increase in daily pay. A deadlock was thus reached, but in the end, as stated, work was quietly resumed.

- (1.) Soy Workers.
- (2.) Female Hemp Bag Makers.
- (3.) Kelly and Walsh Compositors.
- (4.) Steam Laundry Ironers.
- (5.) Rice-carrying coolies.
- (6.) Oil Workers.
- (7.) Painters.
- (8.) Lard Boilers.
- (9.) Moulders.

Under the terms of the Deportation Ordinance (No. 25 of 1917) reports were furnished on 191 suspects arrested by the Police under warrants of detention. Of these suspects 42 were released, and 140 were banished. The number of reports furnished in 1923 was 174.

STAFF.

Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. E. R. Hallifax was on duty as Commissioner of Hongkong Section of the British Empire Exhibition from 8th January to 24th December. During this time Mr. A. E. Wood acted as Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Chief Assistant to Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. A. E. Wood acted as Chief Assistant to Secretary for Chinese Affairs up to the 7th January, and again from the 24th December. Mr. R. A. C. North acted as such from 8th January to 24th December.

Second Assistant to Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. R. A. C. North acted as Second Assistant to Secretary for Chinese Affairs up to 7th January and again from 24th December. Mr. J. H. B. Nihill acted as such from 8th January to 21st March, and Mr. H. R. Butters from 22nd March.

Third Assistant to Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihill acted as Third Assistant to Secretary for Chinese Affairs up to 7th January and Mr. J. S. McLaren from 11th February to 3rd September.

Mr. Tsoi Kin-yung was promoted to 2nd grade on 1st October. Mr. Wong Tat-ying, 6th grade clerk, was transferred to Harbour Master's Department on 23rd May and the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. Wan Chung-chuen.

Industrial Sub-Department.

Mr. F. Meade, Inspector of Juvenile Labour, went on leave on 22nd March and Inspector H. L. Lockhart was seconded from the Sanitary Department to take his place.

Miss R. M. M. Irving, Inspector of Juvenile Labour, went on leave on 23rd February. This post was afterwards abolished.

E. R. HALLIFAX,
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

25th February, 1925.

Table 1.
Revenue for the years 1923 and 1924.

Heads of Revenue.	Details of Revenue.	Ordinance under which received.	Revenue in 1923.		Revenue in 1924.		Increase.	Decrease.
			\$	c.	\$	c.		
Licences and Internal Revenue not otherwise specified,	Chinese Boarding House Licences,	No. 1 of 1889 & No. 4 of 1908, No. 7 of 1875 & No. 15 of 1902, No. 30 of 1915,	13,484	*	15,577	*	2,097	.....
	Marriage Licences,		1,247		1,053		.....	197
	Emigration Passage Brokers' Licences,		1,490		1,200		.....	200
Fees of Court or Office, Payments for Specific Purposes, and Reimbursements-in-aid,	Certificates to Chinese proceeding to foreign countries,	No. 6 of 1923, No. 3 of 1888, No. 14 of 1913,	250		600		350	.....
	Bond by Non-resident Householders, .....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Official Signatures,		74		104		30	.....
	Interest accrued on official account,		102		102		.....	.....
Other Miscellaneous Receipts,	Permits for Firework Displays, .....	.....	220		80		.....	140
Total,			16,777.69		18,746.08		2,477.00	587

Deduct Decrease,

Total Increase in 1924,

\$ 537.00

\$ 1,940.00

* Cents omitted except in the totals.

Table II.

Revenue and Expenditure of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs
since 1915.

Year.	Revenue.			Expenditure.			Percentage of Expenditure to Revenue.
	Total.	Decrease.	Increase.	Total.	Decrease.	Increase.	
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	%
1915, ...	5,072.07	2,186.03	...	53,188.73	...	2,010.69	1,048.66
1916,	9,236.95	...	4,164.88	54,966.19	...	1,777.46	595.07
1917,	11,370.52	...	2,133.57	51,867.18	3,099.01	...	456.15
1918,	26,678.50	...	15,307.98	50,117.67	1,749.51	...	187.86
1919,	21,430.72	5,247.78	...	52,634.57	...	2,516.90	245.60
1920,	18,007.65	3,423.07	...	57,716.27	...	5,081.70	320.51
1921,	15,659.34	2,348.31	...	18,705.03	39,011.24	...	102.25
1922, ...	15,514.50	144.50	...	21,115.67	...	2,410.64	136.10
1923,	16,777.69	...	1,263.19	28,795.63	...	7,679.96	171.63
1924,	18,716.08	...	1,938.39	27,512.96	1,282.67	...	147.00

Table III.

Number of Women and Girls detained in a Place of Refuge by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs under Sections 34 and 35 of Ordinance No. 4 of 1897, and arrangements made regarding them.

	Under Detention on 1st January, 1924.			Detained during 1924.			Total.
	Prostitutes.	Emigrants.	Total.	Prostitutes.	Emigrants.	Total.	
Permitted to leave,	1	...	1	10	...	10	11
Permitted to leave under bond, .....	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Restored to husband, .....	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Restored to relatives, .....	...	...	...	2	...	2	2
Sent to native place, .....	...	...	...	14	...	14	14
Married,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Adopted, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sent to Refuge or Convent,.....	1	1	2	5	1	6	8
Died, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Awaiting marriage, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cases under consideration, .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Total,	2	1	3	33	2	35	38

Cases brought forward, 3. Cases dealt with during the year, 37. Cases carried forward, 1.

Table IV.
Number of Female Passengers and Boys examined and passed before the Secretary for Chinese Affairs
under "The Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915," during the year 1924.

Whither Bound.	Women and Children, 1924.				Total Women and Children, 1923.
	Women.	Girls.	Boys.	Total.	
	
Burmah, .....	...	...	...	...	...
Japan,	10,257	1,637	2,357	14,251	11,851
Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States,	97	5	63	165	206
Dutch Indies,	489	79	764	1,282	548
Belawan Deli,	383	108	162	653	644
British North Borneo, ..	63	23	52	138	238
Honolulu,	237	86	310	583	56
Central America, .....	...	...	5	5	6
Canada,	141	11	376	523	718
United States of America, .....	...	...	...	...	...
Mexico, .....	...	...	...	...	...
South America,	208	9	193	410	240
Mauritius & Re-Union,	3	2	13	18	...
Anstralia,	127	27	81	235	474
India, .....	...	...	...	...	12
South Africa,	83	22	168	273	...
Cuba,	448	107	433	988	2,126
Batavia, .....	...	...	...	...	...
West Indies (Jamaica), .....	...	...	...	...	2
Sourabaya, .....	...	...	...	...	56
Balikpapan,	32	3	22	57	104
Rangoon,	4	...	17	21	2
Port Elizabeth, .....	...	...	2	2	24
Delagoa Bay,	12	...	...	12	...
Saldina Cruz,	8	...	12	20	6
Callao, .....	...	...	...	...	...
Brisbane,	6	...	35	41	1,166
Victoria, .....	...	...	...	...	...
Total, 1924,	12,548	2,069	5,065	19,682	...
Total, 1923,	10,831	1,857	5,761	18,479	18,479

Table V.

Number of Assisted Emigrants.

Year.	Examined.	Passed.	Rejected.				
			Un-willing.	Rejected at S.C.A. as unfit.	Rejected by Doctor.	Total rejected	Percentage of rejection.
1922,	8,072	6,712	11	13	7	31	.38
1923,	19,213	16,681	40	19	46	105	.54
1924,	12,434	12,381	nil	53	nil	53	.31

Treatment of Rejected Emigrants for 1924.

Sent home through Tung Wah Hospital at expense of Boarding Houses,	72
Rejected by doctor and sent back to boarding houses to be cured, .....	...
Total rejected,.....	<u>72</u>

Native Districts of Assisted Emigrants Passed.

West River,	1,239
East River,	6,145
North River,	476
Canton,	1,553
Delta,	991
Kwong Sai,	1,328
Southern Districts,	499
Mandarin, (Hunan, Kwong Sai and Kiang Si),	166
Total,	<u>12,397</u>

Table V,—Continued.

Destinations of Assisted Emigrants.

Whither bound.	Male Assisted Emigrants.	
	1923.	1924.
Straits Settlements and F. M. S.,.....	2,926	541
British North Borneo,	1,339	1,229
Dutch Indies :—		
Banca,	2,410	4,869
Billiton,	2,611	...
Balikpapan, .....	...	...
Belawan Deli,	7,005	4,015
British Solomon Island,	3	4
India,	46	52
Samoa .....	...	...
Ocean Island,	334	577
Nauru, .....	...	...
Makatea,	7	...
Christmas Island, .....	...	138
Total,	16,681	12,425

Classification of the Assistant Emigrants examined, according to the language spoken gives the following figures :—

Cantonese,	7,340
Hakka,	1,223
Hoklo,	6,162
Southern Mandarin (mostly from Kwong Sai and Hunan),	285
Hainanese,	345
Total,	15,355

Table VI.

Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure relative to the Hongkong District Watchmen's Fund for the year 1924.

Receipts.		Expenditure.				
	\$	*	\$	*	\$	*
To Balance,	49,758	69	By Wages and Salaries :—			
„ Contributions,	38,693		Chief District Watchmen,	3,060		
„ Grant by Government,.....	2,000		Assistant Chief District Watchmen,.....	1,995		
„ Payment for District Watchmen for Special Services,.....	1,080		Detectives,.....	6,425		
„ Interest on Hongkong Government 6% War Loan,	1,680		1st Class District Watchmen,.....	10,846		
„ Interest on Current Account,	102		2nd „ „ „ ..	4,820		
„ Reward Fund,.....	10		3rd „ „ „ ..	2,034		29,181
„ Fines,.....	14		„ Miscellaneous :—			
„ Condemned Stores,.....	30		Cooks,.....	840		
„ Rent from Mr. Yeung Ying-luk for permission to erect the iron gate on Inland Lot No. 680, for the year 1924.	1		Coolies,	720		1,656
			Messengers, ..	96		
			„ Office Staff :—			
			Manager,	90		
			Writer,	132		
			Interpreter,	306		
			Collector,	576		1,104
			Total,.....			31,941
			„ Other Charges :—			
			Allowance to Detectives,	1,541		
			Medal Allowance,	1,588		
			Instructor Allowance,	96		
			Oil Allowance,	128		
			Electric charges,	369		
			Conservancy Allowance,.....	55		
			Coolie Hire and Conveyance Allowance,.....	809		
			Uniform and Equipments,	3,137		
			Stationery and Printing,.....	350		
			Furniture,	1,280		
			Repairs and Fittings to D.W. Stations,	1,771		
			Rent of Telephone,	349		
			Premium on Fire Policies,	270		
			Gratuities and Rewards,	749		
			Crown Rent,	13		
			Rent of Yaumati D. W. Station,	1,040		
			Photos for District Watchmen, ..	14		
			Sundries,	345		13,914
			„ Pensions :—			
			Ex. Chief District Watchman So Tai and others,			1,800
			Total Expenditure,.....			47,655
			„ Balance,			45,714
Total,.....\$	93,370.48		Total,.....\$	93,370.48		

Balance in Colonial Treasury :—

Hongkong Government 6% War Loan, \$28,000
 Cash,..... \$ 5,714
 Fixed Deposit \$12,000

Total,.....\$45,714

* Cents omitted except in the totals.

Examined and found correct

CHOW SHOU SON,
 R. H. KOTEWALL,

Members of
 District Watchmen Committee.

Table VII.
 Number of Patients under treatment and other statistics concerning the
 Tung Wa Hospital during the year 1924.

Patients.	Remaining in Hospital on 31st December, 1923.	Admitted.			Total number of pa- tients under treatment.	Discharged.	Deaths.	Remaining in Hospital on 31st December, 1924.	Out-patients.			Vaccinations.	Dead bodies brought to Hospital Mortuary for burial.	Destitutes sent home.
		Chinese Treatment.	European Treatment.	Total.					Chinese Treatment.	European Treatment.	Total.			
Male,	377	3,717	2,968	6,685	7,062	5,097	1,664	301	88,803	25,382	114,185	923	1,102	945
Female,	144	831	1,903	2,734	2,878	2,228	531	119	60,793	22,758	83,551	...	500	...
Total,.....	521	4,548	4,871	9,419	9,940	7,325	2,195	420	149,596	48,140	197,736	923	1,602	945
Total for 1923,	336	4,987	5,155	10,142	10,478	7,816	2,141	521	124,120	42,302	166,422	8,828	1,646	1,009

Table VIII.

TUNG WAH HOSPITAL CASH ACCOUNT 1924.

Receipts.	Amount.	Payments.	Amount.
	\$ c.		\$ c.
Cash Balance from last year		Current account with Kwong Wah Hos- pital	179,978.77
Tung Wah Hospital account	\$105,884.79	Current account with Man Mo Temple...	16,551.87
Kwong Wah Hospital ..	48,159.48	Current account with Emergency Fund...	1,027.00
Man Mo Temple.....	39,853.43	Current account with Maternity Hospital	3,739.15
Emergency Fund	59,057.73	Provisions for staff	11,745.50
Maternity Hospital	494.27	Salaries for staff	33,054.92
	253,449.70	Provisions for sick rooms	28,288.35
Current account with Kwong Wah Hos- pital	131,574.55	Sick room sundries	10,786.27
Current account with Man Mo Temple ...	21,427.96	Hospital sundries	5,156.85
Current account with Maternity Hospital..	4,002.48	Chinese drugs... ..	28,703.93
Interest collected on behalf of Emergency Fund	1,412.22	Western drugs	9,802.09
Amount raised by theatrical performances	4,766.21	Repairs	3,920.93
Rents	83,258.95	Destitutes' and Patients' passages	505.58
Subscriptions collected from steamers	6,593.18	Repairs to landed property	1,509.50
Annual subscriptions of Hongs.....	9,945.50	Lights	6,322.65
Subscriptions from wealthy persons.....	6,390.00	Insurance	882.42
Subscriptions and donations	2,476.44	Crown rent and taxes	10,157.29
Subscriptions from Directors past and pre- sent	4,790.00	Repairs to coffin home & burial ground...	30,582.63
Special contributions for supply of medi- cines, quilted clothing, coffins and shrouds	2,513.60	Small-pox Hospital expenses	2,920.36
Government grants	8,000.00	Stamps, stationery and advertisements ...	2,330.28
Grant from Man Mo Temple.....	2,500.00	Grant to Kwong Wah Hospital	2,000.00
Contributions from Theatres.....	2,659.62	Grant to Fong Pin Hospital	1,000.00
Hongkong War Loan dividend	3,009.00	Burial of bodies by Tung Wah Hospital...	4,294.67
Subscriptions for coffin home	5,010.00	Coffins for buried bodies by Tung Wah Hospital	8,534.27
Interest on loans and deposits	27,914.31	Burial of bodies by Government Mor- tuary	2,771.97
Premium on notes and discount on goods purchased	972.30	Coffins for bodies buried by Government Mortuary.....	6,234.30
Fees from Patients	4,379.26	Balance	197,475.66
Sale of medicine, kitchen refuse, coffin home charges, boat hire and sundries ...	25,240.93		
	\$ 612,277.21		\$ 612,277.21

The Balance of \$197,475.66 consists of the following credit balances minus a debit balance of \$244.74 against the Kwong Wah Hospital:—

Tung Wah Hospital	\$ 92,790.33
Man Mo Temple	44,729.52
Emergency Fund.....	59,442.95
Maternity Hospital.....	757.60
	\$197,720.40
Minus account against Kwong Wah Hospital	244.74
Balance.....	\$197,475.66

(For particulars see separate sheet attached).

MA CHI LUNG,
YIK KI CHAU,
Directors.

Table VIII.—(A).

Particulars as to Credit Balances.

TUNG WAH HOSPITAL IN ACCOUNT WITH KWONG WAH HOSPITAL.

To credit Balance brought forward from 1923, \$ 48,159.48	By Payments during 1924,	\$179,978.77
„ Amount received during 1924, 131,574.55		
„ Balance, 244.74		
		<u>\$179,978.77</u>
		<u>\$179,978.77</u>

TUNG WAH HOSPITAL IN ACCOUNT WITH MAN MO TEMPLE.

To credit Balance brought forward from 1923, \$ 39,853.43	By Payments during 1924,	\$ 16,551.87
„ Amount received during 1924, 21,427.96	„ Balance,	44,729.52
		<u>\$ 61,281.39</u>
		<u>\$ 61,281.39</u>

TUNG WAH HOSPITAL IN ACCOUNT WITH EMERGENCY FUND.

To credit Balance brought forward from 1923, \$ 59,057.73	By Payments during 1924,	\$ 1,027.00
„ Interest received during 1924, 1,412.22	„ Balance,	59,442.95
		<u>\$ 60,469.95</u>
		<u>\$ 60,469.95</u>

TUNG WAH HOSPITAL IN ACCOUNT WITH MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

To credit Balance brought forward from 1923, \$ 494.27	By Payments during 1924,	\$ 3,739.15
„ Amount received during 1924, 4,002.48	„ Balance,	757.60
		<u>\$ 4,496.75</u>
		<u>\$ 4,496.75</u>

Table X.

Emergency Fund Account, 1924.

Receipts.	Amount.	Payments.	Amount.
Balance from account 1923.....	\$ 59,057.73	Gratuity to destitutes,	\$ 860.00
Interest,	1,412.22	Passage money for 20 destitutes,	167.00
Total,	60,469.95	Total,	59,442.95
		Total,	60,469.95

Table XI.

Man Mo Temple Fund Account, 1924.

Receipts.	Amount.	Payments.	Amount.
	\$ *		\$ *
Balance from account 1923,	39,853	Subscription to Tung Wa Hospital,	2,500
Rent from Temple keeper,	6,465	Free Schools and sundries,	11,344
Rent of stalls and Temple property,	11,782	Repairs to Temple property, free schools, and the Man Mo Temple,	741
Government Grant in Aid of free Schools,	3,180	Police Rates, Crown Rent, and Insurance Premium,	1,603
		Water accounts and repair to water pipes, ...	361
		Balance,	44,729
Total,	\$ 61,281.39	Total,	\$ 61,281.39

* Cents omitted except in the totals.

Table XII.

Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Western Maternity Hospital, 1924.

Receipts.	Amount.	Expenditure.	Amount.
Balance from 1923,	\$ 494	Rent of hospital property handed over to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, ...	\$ 3,200
Rent of Hospital Property,	3,984	Police Rate, Crown Rent, & Insurance Premium,	509
Interest,	18	Repairs to Hospital Property,	29
		Balance,	757
Total,	\$ 4,496.75	Total,	\$ 4,496.75

* Cents omitted except in the totals.

Table XII--(A)

Western Maternity (Tsan Yuk) Hospital Statement of Accounts for the year 1924.

Receipt.	\$	c.*	\$	c.*	Expenditure.	\$	c.*
To Balance.....			2,570	03	By Salary.....	3,425	
Subscription :—					Drugs,	686	
Chinese Recreation Ground Fund	1,200				Furniture,	928	
Chinese Public Dispensaries	1,000				Gas and Electricity,	501	
Fund,					Repairs and fitting,	117	
Rent of houses purchased with					Stationery and printing,	82	
Tung Wah Hospital, Jubilee	3,200				Clothing, etc.,	333	
Donation,					Bedding,	186	
Anonymous,	30		5,430		Food for patients and pupils in the		
					Hospital,	1,749	
					Instruments,	38	
Fees paid by patients in the					Fec for District Watchmen on		
Hospital,					duty at the door,	540	
Money paid by pupils in the			2,563		Crown Rent,	1	
Hospital, for their food,.....					Water account,	323	
Interest,			774		Miscellaneous,	1,551	
			21				
						10,465	
Total,.....			11,359	29	Balance with Colonial Treasury, ...	893	93
					Total,.....	11,359	29

* Cents omitted except in the totals.

Examined and found correct,
E. B. HALLIFAX,
S. C. A.

Table XIII.

Revenue and Expenditure of the Brewin Charity during the year 1924.

Revenue.	Amount.	Expenditure.	Amount.
	\$ c.		\$ c.
To Balance from 1923,	40,168.00	By Charity given to widows and orphans	5,162.00
„ Subscriptions from Directors, T. W. H. ...	1,720.00	„ Subscription to Old Men's Home	1,100.00
„ „ Committee, P. L. K. ...	1,100.00	„ Salary for Accountant Mr. Chan Yik-wan	100.00
„ „ Directors, K. W. H. ...	390.00	„ „ Clerk Mr. Leung Hing Yeung...	60.00
„ „ Mr. Li Yau Tsun... ..	25.00	„ Conveyance expenses for urging payment of interest &c.	8.60
„ Interest from Mr. Chiu Cheuk U for mort- gage	2,400.00	„ Printed matters by the Wo Shing	6.00
„ Interest on fixed deposit with Mr. Lau Kwai Nam on mortgage.....	2,400.00	„ Stamps	1.35
„ Interest on fixed depo-it with Mr. Yan Leung Kang and others on mortgage	1,600.00	„ Advertisement in Wa Tsz Yat Po	17.07
„ Interest on fixed deposit with Mr. Lai Chak on mortgage	3,000.00	„ „ Tsun Wan Yat Po ...	13.02
„ Gratuity from Government for Ku Yin Sze	50.00	„ „ Wa Sheung Po	6.00
„ Crown Rent recovered for Property in Temple Street	7.44	„ Insurance for shop property in Temple Street	263.00
„ Insurance premium recovered for Property in Temple Street	399.10	„ Brokerage for Mr. Ko Wan Sang for sale of shop property in Temple Street	400.00
„ Police Rates recovered for Property in Temple Street	58.40	„ Balance	147,914.39
„ Rent for 20 days in the 9th moon from pro- perty in Temple Street	333.34		
„ Balance of purchase money of property in Temple Street	100,000.00		
„ Interest on War Bonds fr. Shanghai Bank	360.00		
„ „ Singapore	274.37		
„ „ from Shanghai Bank.....	420.72		
„ „ on fixed deposit of \$3,407.11 with Shanghai Bank	170.35		
„ Interest on fixed deposit of \$2,131.80 with Shanghai Bank	106.59		
„ Interest on fixed deposit of \$1,000.00 with Shanghai Bank	50.00		
„ Interest on fixed deposit of \$301.98 of Sat A Li with Wing Hing Bank	18.12		
Total,.....\$	155,051.43	Total,.....\$	155,051.43

	\$ c.
By deposits with Messrs. Chiu Cheuk U and Lau Kwai Nam on mortgage of shop pro- perty in Temple Street.....	\$80,000.00
„ Fixed deposit with Mr. Yan Leung Kang and others on mortgage of houses No. 13 Connaught Road West and No. 25 New Market Street	40,000.00
„ Fixed Deposit and Interest with Shanghai Bank	3,577.46
„ Fixed deposit and interest with Shanghai Bank	2,238.39
„ Deposit and interest of Wong Fung Sze with Shanghai Bank.....	1,050.00
„ Deposit & interest of Sat A Li with Wing Hing Bank.....	320.10
„ War Bonds of Shanghai Bank	6,000.00
„ War Bonds of Singapore Government	5,000.00
„ Current account deposits with Shanghai Bank	9,350.99
„ Deposit with Tung Wa Hospital	377.45
Total.....	\$ 147,914.39

Examined and found correct
MA CHI LUNG,
Director.

Table XIV.

Number of Patients under treatment and other statistics concerning the
Kwong Wa Hospital during the year 1924.

Patients.	Remaining in Hospital on 31st December, 1923.			Admitted.			Total Number of patients under treatment.		Discharged.	Deaths.	Remaining in Hospital on 31st December, 1924.	Out-patients.			Vaccinations.	Dead bodies brought to Hospital Mortuary for burial.	Desitutes sent home.
	Chinese Treatment.	European Treatment.	Total.	Chinese Treatment.	European Treatment.	Total.	Chinese Treatment.	European Treatment.				Total.					
Male,	1,398	2,464	3,862	4,028	2,758	1,158	112	29,166	16,658	45,824	..	..	..	..	351	..
Female,	405	2,193	2,598	2,660	2,047	558	55	19,153	14,914	34,067	..	..	..	..	159	..
Total,	1,803	4,657	6,460	6,688	4,805	1,716	167	48,319	31,572	79,891	..	..	..	..	510	..
Total for 1923,	1,903	4,136	6,039	6,257	4,444	1,585	228	43,796	24,383	68,179	2,348	501	..	

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Table XV.

Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Kwong Wa Hospital for 1924.

Receipts.	Amount.	Payments.	Amount.
	\$ c.		\$ c.
Balance brought forward from previous year,	5,428.53	Current account with Tung Wah Hospital,	61,915.11
Government Grant,	8,500.00	Salaries to Hospital staff,	14,942.60
„ Special Donation,	15,000.00	Provisions for staff,	5,455.25
Subscription from Tung Wah Hospital, for giving free coffins,	2,000.00	Hospital sundries,	1,038.20
Current account with Tung Wah Hospital,	84,152.43	Provisions for patients,	12,128.79
Subscriptions from charitable persons and yearly subscriptions,	16,898.85	Sick room expenses,	5,061.99
Subscriptions by Ko Shing, Tai Ping and Li Yuen Theatres,	2,650.00	Charcoal,	826.63
Donations from A Fong and Tai Wo Photographers,	600.00	Chinese drugs,	9,697.41
Donation from Old Yaumati Chinese Public Dispensary, ..	7,241.88	Western drugs,	16,056.65
Subscription by Po Hing Theatre, ..	1,188.00	Lights,	2,353.98
Sale of Chinese Medicines,	683.40	Telephone,	123.96
Premium on notes,	54.07	Stationery, stamps, and advertisements,	1,867.08
Sale of kitchen refuse,	341.27	Water,	15.00
Payments by in-patients and drugs	2,547.71	Discount on notes,	3.50
Profit from theatrical performances,	7,873.07	Furniture and Repairs,	5,904.61
Money raised by Mr. Ho Ngok Lau and Mr. Ho Ho Chuen on theatrical performances,	1,317.65	Building Contract,	15,910.00
Special subscriptions :—		Coffins,	5,574.41
By Subscriptions from charitable persons for free drugs,	\$1,125.00	Burial of bodies from Hospital Mortuary,	525.85
„ Yearly Subscriptions from charitable persons for free drugs,	600.00	Burial of bodies from Yaumati Public Mortuary,	531.45
„ Interest on Subscriptions for free drugs,	9,740.56	Old Men's Asylum	8.40
	11,465.56	Grave stones,	363.20
Grand Total,	\$ 167,942.42	Cumsha to coolies, sale of refuse, &c.,	187.44
		Crown Rent	1.50
		BALANCE,	7,449.41
		Grand Total,	\$ 167,942.42

Examined and found correct

CHAU YU F-U,
Qualified auditor.

Table XV. (B)

FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE KWONG WAH HOSPITAL.

Amount left deposited in Tung Wah Hospital at end of 1923,	\$ 151,159.48
Amount paid to Tung Wah Hospital on current account in 1924,	61,915.11
	\$ 213,074.59
Amount received from Tung Wah Hospital on current account in 1924,	84,152.43
	\$ 128,922.16
Amount left deposited in Tung Wah Hospital at end of 1924,	7,449.41
Cash in hand at end of 1924,	7,449.41
	\$ 136,371.57

Funds classified :—

Chinese Drugs,	\$ 129,166.90
Sick room extension,	\$ 10,234.66
Less loan to Hospital General Funds,	3,029.99
	7,204.67
	\$ 136,371.57

See particulars below :—

KWONG WAH HOSPITAL

IN ACCOUNT WITH SICK ROOM EXTENSION SPECIAL FUND.

To Balance of last year's Account,	\$ 23,734.66	By Amount paid on extension of Sick room,	\$ 13,500.00
		„ Loan to Hospital General Funds, ...	3,029.99
		„ Balance,	7,204.67
	\$ 23,734.66		\$ 23,734.66

KWONG WAH HOSPITAL

IN ACCOUNT WITH FREE CHINESE DRUGS SPECIAL FUND.

To Balance brought forward from last year,	\$ 128,041.90	By Chinese Free drugs for the year 1924, ...	\$ 10,340.56
„ Subscriptions of charitable persons for free drugs	1,125.00	„ Balance,	129,166.90
„ Yearly Subscriptions of charitable persons for free drugs, ...	600.00		
„ Interest,	9,740.56		
	\$ 139,507.46		\$ 139,507.46

Table XVI.

Summary of work done by the Chinese Public Dispensaries : Victoria,
Harbour, Shaukiwan, and Kowloon Peninsula.

Description.	Total.	Grand Total 1924.	Grand Total 1923.
New Cases,.....	87,570	...	...
Return Cases,	70,221	...	...
Total,.....	—————	157,791	142,744
Certificates of nature of disease issued, .....	...	3	...
" " cause of death,.....	...	462	459
Patients removed to hospital by ambulance,...	...	499	528
Corpses removed to hospital or mortuary,.....	...	1,295	1,328
Attendances at cleansing of infected premises, .....	...	177	366
Compensation claims sent in, .....	...	...	...
Applications received for coffins, .....	...	522	514
" for midwives, .....	...	...	153
Confinement cases in Maternity Hospital,.....	...	855	814
Infants brought to Dispensaries, (alive),	5	...	...
" " " (dead),.....	1,428	...	...
Total,.....	—————	1,433	1,510
Vaccinations at private houses,	85	...	...
" " Dispensaries,	7,684	...	...
Total,.....	—————	7,769	36,451

Table XVII.

Chinese Public Dispensaries: Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

Receipts.	\$	c.*	\$	c.*	Expenditure.	\$	c.*	\$	c.*
To Balance,			76,398	79	By Maintenances of Dispensaries:—				
" Grant by Government,			9,000		Victoria,	26,511			
" Donations from:—					Harbour and Yaumati,	6,257			
Tai Ping Theatre,	6,150				Shaikiwan,	7,283			
San Theatre,	850				Kowloon City,	3,987		43,989	
Ko Shing Theatre,	300				Subscription in aid of the Fund of				
" Subscriptions, Land,	20,657				Materiuty Hospital, Western,			1,000	
" Harbour,	12,299				Balance in Colonial Treasury:—				
" Shaikiwan,	2,210				On Hongkong Government 6%				
" Kowloon City,	782				War Loan,	51,000			
" Fees from Materitiy Hospital in			43,250		In Cash,	37,372			
Chinese Public Dispensary at Wau-					Advance to:—				
chai,			1,709		Dispensaries Clerks,	120			
" Interest,			562		Alice Memorial Hospital for				
" Interest on Hongkong Government			3,060		purchase of drugs,	500			
6% War Loan,					Total,			88,992	
Total,		\$	133,981	28				133,981	28

* Cents omitted except in the totals.

E. R. HALLIFAX,
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Table XVIII.

Hunghom and Shamshuipo Dispensaries.

Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

Descriptions.	Hung- hom.		Sham- shuipo.	
	\$	c.*	\$	c.*
Receipts :—				
Balance,	4,408.11		6,878.37	
Subscriptions, etc.,	2,957.95		782.00	
Donation from :—				
Po Hing Theatre,	663.00		...	
Kun Yam Temple,	600.00		...	
Mr. Chan Pak-ping for permission to hold Theatrical performances at Po Hing Theatre,.....	300.00		...	
Scavenging Contractor at Hunghom,.....	870.00		...	
Grant by Government, .....	...		3,000.00	
Donation towards the Fund of Shamshuipo Dispensary for erection of eight houses at Shamshuipo from :—				
Mr. Li Shui-kam,.....	...		5,000.00	
Mr. Wong Iu-tung, .....	...		3,000.00	
Mr. Kwong T'sun-shang,.....	...		1,500.00	
The Sze Yenk Lun Shun Kung Si, .....	...		4,666.50	
Total,	9,799.06		21,826.87	
Expenditure :—				
Through Secretariat for Chinese Affairs,	3,044.04		2,232.33	
By Local Committee,	1,872.00		10,600.00	
Total,	4,916.04		12,832.33	
Balance :—				
At Colonial Treasury,.....	2,155.27		12,603.59	
With Local Committee,	2,727.75		...	
Overdrawn by Local Committee.....	...		609.05	
Total,	4,883.02		11,991.54	

* Cents omitted except in the totals.

Chan Pak Pang, Chairman Hunghom C.P.D.
 Tsang Ping Shan, accountant " "
 Li Sui Kam, Chairman Shamshuipo " "
 Lo Shau Tsum, accountant " "

Table XIX.

Deaths of Chinese in Hongkong and Kowloon during 1924 showing number in which the cause of death was duly certified and number in which a post-mortem examination was held.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
.....	Number of deaths.	Number certified.	Number uncertified.	Percentage of 3 to 2.	Number examined after death and not sent to mortuary.	Percentage of 6 to 2.	Number sent to mortuary.	Percentage of 8 to 2.
Victoria,	9,008	4,679	4,329	51.9	738	8.2	3,591	39.9
Harbour,	907	483	424	53.2	79	8.7	345	38.0
Kowloon,	4,830	2,158	2,672	44.7	345	7.1	2,327	48.2
Shaokwan,	375	150	225	40.0	43	11.5	182	48.5
Other Villages in Hongkong,	181	0	181	0.0	0	0.0	181	100.0
Total,	15,301	7,470	7,831	48.8	1,205	7.9	6,626	43.3

Table XX.

Monthly Return of Bodies of Chinese considered by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs to have been abandoned during the year 1924.

Month.	Victoria.				Harbour. Kowloon.	Hongkong outside Victoria.	New Territories.	Total.	Grand Total.
	West.	Central.	East.	Total.					
January,	44	38	57	139	31	31	...	240	379
February,	20	16	50	86	24	132	...	179	265
March,	9	18	24	51	35	77	...	129	180
April,	8	5	10	23	7	59	...	73	96
May,	11	15	19	45	22	49	...	73	118
June,	6	4	9	19	15	54	...	75	94
July,	11	1	11	23	16	49	...	67	90
August,	12	3	8	23	23	37	...	65	88
September,	7	8	9	24	4	34	...	49	73
October,	4	8	6	18	11	39	...	56	74
November,	12	8	14	34	8	62	...	75	109
December,	8	5	11	24	10	64	...	83	107
Grand Total,	152	129	228	509	206	834	...	1,164	1,673 *
Total for 1923, ...	436	294	156	886	135	394	2	616	1,502 †

* In 1924, of 1,673 none was taken to Chinese Public Dispensaries.

† In 1923, of 1,502 none was taken to Chinese Public Dispensaries.

Table XXI.

Return of Bodies abandoned during the years 1922, 1923, and 1924.

(Figures supplied by the Police Department.)

1922.

	Male.		Female.		Unknown.		Total.
	Over 15 years.	15 years and under.	Over 15 years.	15 years and under.	Over 15 years.	15 years and under.	
Victoria,	14	206	1	158	...	6	385
Kowloon,	16	203	...	183	...	6	408
Harbour,	12	46	5	42	...	...	105
Elsewhere,	3	42	...	24	...	2	71
Total,	45	497	6	407	...	14	969

1923.

Victoria,	10	406	4	463	...	3	886
Kowloon,	4	186	1	193	...	10	394
Harbour,	23	62	6	40	...	4	135
Elsewhere,	3	48	4	30	...	2	87
Total,	40	702	15	726	...	19	1,502

1924.

Victoria,	22	295	1	253	...	1	572
Kowloon,	17	424	11	322	...	4	778
Harbour,	39	68	9	88	...	...	204
Elsewhere,	2	64	...	52	...	1	119
Total,	80	851	21	517	...	6	1,673

Table XXII.

Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Chinese Permanent Cemetery for 1924.

Receipts.	Amount.		Payments.	Amount.	
	\$	c.		\$	c.
To Balance,	29,347.04		By 36 joss paper pots from the Hop Cheung,	126.00	
" Interest from Hongkong and Shanghai Bank,	177.09		" Rent of telephone,	168.83	
" " Tai San Bank,	960.00		" Repairs to roads, wharves and embankment etc. by Yeung Tam-kee,	7,773.40	
" " War Bonds,	480.00		" Wages for Ma Shu-hoi & gardeners,	1,296.00	
" Sale of 125 lots,	6,685.00		" Motor car hire,	9.80	
" Stone Embankment,	1,875.00		" Printed matters by the Shing Fat,	3.00	
" Wages from Mr. S. W. Tso for refilling vaults,	142.00		" Manure, bamboo brooms, bamboo hat, rain coats &c.,	155.90	
" Sale to Mr. Chan Chenk Fan of spared space of 1176 sq. ft on the left side of lot under the character of "Yuet"	1,176.00		" Stamps,	8.00	
			" Rent of wharf,	1.00	
			" Rates for getting water from river,	1.00	
			" Crown Rent, .....	.50	
			" Wages for grass cutters,	198.50	
			" Balance,	31,045.20	
Total,	\$ 40,782.13		Total,	\$ 40,782.13	

By deposits with Hongkong & Shanghai Bank,	\$7,778.32
" " Tai San Bank,	15,000.00
" War Bonds,	8,000.00
" Cash,	266.88
	<u>\$31,045.20</u>

S. W. TSO, *Secretary.*

CHAU SIU KI, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct

LI PO KWAI,

Qualified auditor.

Table XXIII.

Chinese Recreation Ground: Receipts and Expenditure, 1924.

Receipts.	\$ c.*	Payments.	\$ c.*
To Balance,.....	2,457.95	By Wages of Watchmen, etc,.....	879.61
" Rent of Stalls,	3,342.00	" Water Account,.....	201.00
		" Consumption of Gas,	270.00
Total,.....\$	5,799.95	Subscription to Western Maternity Hospital,	1,200.00
		" Lime Washing,	92.00
		" Miscellaneous,	38.96
		" Balance,	3,118.38
		Total,.....	5,799.95

* Cents omitted except in the totals.

Table XXIV.

Statement of Accounts of Passage Money Fund.

Receipts.		Payments.	
	\$ c.*		\$ c.*
To Balance on Fixed Deposit,	\$4,250	By Gifts to 3 women on being married,	6
" " in Colonial Treasury,	3,061	" Annual Charitable Allowances to two per- sons,	75
Passage Money received,	\$1,543	Subscription to Alice Memorial Hospital, ...	50
Less Refund,	1,271	" Pyre Diocesan Refuge,	170
Property of the late Cheung Po,	145	" Hawker's Licences to destitute persons,	112
Interest on Fixed Deposit,	\$ 170	Gifts in aid of repatriation of emigrants,	189
" " on money deposited in Treasury,	87	Balance on Fixed Deposit,	\$4,250
		" in Colonial Treasury,	3,133
			7,383
Total,	\$ 7,985.74	Total,	\$ 7,985.74

* Cents omitted except in the totals.

E. R. HALLIFAX,
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Table XXV.

Prosecutions under Ordinances No. 3 of 1888, No. 30 of 1915, and No. 4 of 1897.

Offence.	No. of Cases.	Convicted.		Discharged.		Remarks.
		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
Ordinance No. 3 of 1888.						
Bills,—Posting without permission, .....	...	...	...	...	...
Fireworks,—Discharged without permission,	31	26	...	5	...	
Drums and Gongs,—Night noises by beating, .....	...	...	...	...	...
Processions,—Organising in the public streets without permission, .....	...	...	...	...	...
Householders' Registration,—Failing to register, ..	...	...	...	...	...
Ordinance No. 30 of 1915.						
Decoying men or boys into or out of the Colony,...	...	...	...	...	...
Emigration House offences,.....	...	...	...	...	...
Personating emigrants, .....	...	...	...	...	...
Sending assisted emigrants out of the Colony without notifying the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, ..	...	...	...	...	...
Ordinance No. 4 of 1897.						
Abduction of girls under 21, .....	...	...	...	...	...
Decoying women and girls into or away from the Colony,	1	...	...	1	...	
Detaining, harboring, or receiving women or girls,...	6	1	...	2	3	
Procuring women or girls to be common prostitutes, ..	1	...	...	1	...	
Procuring girls under age to have carnal connection,	2	...	...	1	1	
Deriving profits from prostitution and trading in women,	33	14	19	2	...	

Annexe A.

Report on the work of the Po Leung Kuk for the year 1924.

The Po Leung Kuk Society was founded in 1878 to aid in the detection and suppression of kidnapping, especially of girls and women, and to shelter such girls or women as had been kidnapped. in the interior and brought to Hongkong for sale or emigration. Its name means "institution for the protection of good women". The initiative in its formation came from the Chinese themselves, and ever since, by subscription and personal service, they have continued to support it.

There is a paid Chinese staff-matron, amahs and nurses, and two clerks who are secretaries to the managing Committee. This Committee meets every evening from Monday to Friday at 7 p.m. the principal meeting of the week is held at 12 noon on Sunday. It not only manages the Po Leung Kuk, but acts as an advisory Committee to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, in all cases affecting women and children, and Chinese family life generally, which are often extremely difficult and tedious. It corresponds when necessary with charitable institutions and private persons in various parts of China, traces parents of lost children or ill-treated mui tsai, and shelters for the night any Chinese woman or girl who chooses to go. When parents or relations cannot be traced, the Committee arranges for the girls in its care to be given in marriage (never as concubines) or in adoption, always under bond and always with the consent of this office; and in every case this office ascertains the girl's willingness before giving consent to either adoption or marriage.

In addition to the annual Committee appointed by co-option there is a Permanent Committee, which serves to maintain continuity of policy, and of which the Secretary for Chinese Affairs is the ex-officio chairman.

The buildings and their inmates are visited every month by two unofficial Justices of the Peace, one English and one Chinese.

The following gentlemen were elected in March to serve as Managing Committee for the year :—

Lo Chung Kui,	Wong Tak Kwong,
Chau Tin Shan,	Au Him Chun,
Wong Kan Hing,	Ma Tsui Chiu,
Lei Kit Cho,	Lei Sing Kui,
Kwok Yau Ting,	Yip Wing Cho,
Chan Kam Po,	Tong Yat Chun.

The number of inmates of the Po Leung Kuk on 1st January 1925, was 69 and during the year 412 persons were admitted as against 393 in 1923. The circumstances of admission and the action taken in regard to them are set out in Table A.

35 women and girls were committed, under warrant and 306 were admitted without warrant. Of the remainder 33 were lost children, 6 were accompanied by parents or guardians, and 32 were maid-servants or "mui tsai" who had left their masters or mistresses.

On leaving the Kuk 144 women and girls were restored to husbands or other relatives, 83 were sent to charitable institutions in China, 40 were given in adoption, 3 married, 110 released (1 released under bond), 16 sent to the Italian Convent and 10 died. The number of inmates remaining in the Kuk on December 31st was 69.

The income and expenditure during the year and the assets and liabilities of the institution are set out in Table B and C attached.

The accounts of the Managing Committee in the customary form have been audited by Messrs. Lo Chung Kui and Lei Kit Cho. The balance to the credit of the Society at the end of the year was \$8,793 as compared with \$7,253 at the end of 1923.

The institution was visited monthly by Justices of the Peace, Messrs. A. G. Coppin and Chau Siu-ki who on no occasion found cause for adverse comment. The average monthly number of inmates was 63.

The matron reports favourably on the conduct, health and industry of the inmates during the year. There were 95 cases of sickness of which 45 were sent to the Tung Wa Hospital for treatment and of these ten died.

Mrs. Chow Shou-sou and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, (the wives of the two Chinese Members of the Legislative Council) continued to undertake the duty of regular monthly visits of inspection during the year.

E. R. HALLIFAX

Secretary for Chinese Affairs.
President.

28th February, 1925.

Table A.

Number of Women and Girls admitted to the Po Leung Kuk during the year 1924 and the

arrangements made regarding them.

.....	Committed under Warrant from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs	2	1	6	12	2	11	19	4	9	66	7	...	Released under bond.	Placed in charge of husband.	Placed in charge of parents and relatives.	Sent to (charitable institutions in China or Refugees sent to school, Convent, or Refugees.	Adopted.	Married.	Died.	Cases under consideration.	Total.
In the Po Leung Kuk on 1st January, 1924,	Committed under Warrant from the Emigration Office.	1	6	30	97	83	146	33	6	32	412	103	1	19	119	8	5	27	3	4	66	...
Admitted during the year, ...	Pending the opening of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.	2	30	97	83	146	33	33	6	32	412	103	1	19	119	8	5	27	3	4	66	...
Total,	Committed under Warrant from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs	35	36	109	35	147	52	10	41	478	110	1	19	127	83	16	40	3	10	69	478	...
(Remaining in the Po Leung Kuk on the 31st December, 1924,	Committed under Warrant from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs	...	1	6	9	3	27	13	...	10	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69	...

Table B.

PO LEUNG KUK.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 1st January to 31st December, 1924.

RECEIPTS.	\$	c.*	\$	c.*	EXPENDITURE.	£	c.*	\$	c.*
At Current Account,	7,253		7,253		By the Elected Committee :— (see Table C), .....	.....		12,950	
Subscriptions :—					Balance :—	.....		
Elected Committee,	600				At Current Account, .....	.....		8,793	
Yue Lan Celebrations, West Point, ...	355								
Guilds,	3,017								
Man Mo Temple,	1,387								
Theatres,	1,625								
			6,984						
Interest :—(on Mortgage)									
On Deposit,	6,912								
On Current Account,	592								
			7,504						
Total,			21,743.44		Total,			21,743.44	

* Cents omitted except in the totals.

Certified by the Statutory Declaration of Wong It Tung and Chan Tiu Suan, Members of the Board of Direction.

Table C.

Statement showing particulars of Expenditure by the Elected Committee from
1st January to 31st December, 1924.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
\$	c.*	\$	c.*
Balance from previous year,	53	Decorations,	46
Received from Permanent Board,	12,950	Food,	3,267
Miscellaneous Receipts,	22	Light and Fire,	965
Premium on bank notes,	32	Miscellaneous,	537
		Passage Money,	194
		Petty Expenditure,	232
		Printing,	72
		Repairs,	3,293
		Stationery,	144
		Telephone,	84
		Insurance,	137
		Wages,	4,021
		Balance,	12,992
			61
Total,.....\$	13,058.63	Total,.....	\$ 13,058.68

* Cents omitted except in the totals.