

	<i>Brought forward...</i>	3,078
Convicted of removing dead body without permission...		11
" committing nuisance in the street ...		13
" unlawfully boarding steamers ...		16
" hawking without a licence ...		498
" cruelty to animals ...		9
" keeping houses for prostitution ...		21
" illegal pawning ...		7
" drunkenness ...		13
" trespass ...		57
" disorderly conduct ...		31
" assault ...		74
" obstruction ...		25
" cutting trees ...		81
" removing sand without permission...		13
" mendicancy ...		33
" unlawful possession of lottery tickets ...		38
" unlawful possession...		328
" stealing ...		155
" possession of implement fit for unlawful purpose ...		24
" offering bribe ...		32
" obtaining by false pretences ...		64
" soliciting in a public thoroughfare for the purpose of prostitution ...		11
" unlawful receiving ...		53
" travelling on tram car without paying legal fare ...		12
	Total ...	<u>4,695</u>

3. The above figures show that 74 per cent of the total admissions to prison were Revenue Grade prisoners.

The following table shows the number of prisoners committed to prison without the option of fine and in default of payment of fine :—

Year.	Without option of fine.	In default of payment of fine.			Total.
		Served the imprisonment.	Paid full fine.	Paid part fine.	
1923	926	2,895	927	159	4,277
1924	1,644	4,135	285	275	6,339

4. One hundred and one (101) juveniles were admitted during the year, with sentences varying from 24 hours detention to 12 months hard labour. In 12 cases corporal punishment was awarded in addition.

5. The percentage of convicted prisoners admitted to prison with previous convictions recorded against them was 17 as compared with 14.5 for 1923.

6. There were 147 prisoners admitted who were convicted by the Police Courts in the New Territories against 99 for the previous year.

7. The following table shows the number of convictions in custody on the 31st December for the past 10 years, and the percentage of the total number of prisoners in custody to the estimated population of Hongkong :—

Year.	Estimated population.	Number of convicts.	Percentage of population.	Daily average number of prisoners.	Percentage to population.
1915	516,870	213	·041	594	·115
1916	528,010	203	·038	638	·121
1917	535,100	209	·038	600	·112
1918	558,000	224	·040	601	·108
1919	598,100	259	·043	756	·126
1920	648,150	275	·043	755	·117
1921	665,350	231	·035	764	·115
1922	662,200	259	·039	787	·119
1923	681,800	294	·043	861	·126
1924	799,550	345	·043	1,066	·133

8. There were 463 punishments awarded for breach of prison discipline as compared with 432 for the preceding year. Corporal punishment was inflicted in twelve cases for prison offences.

9. Ninety four (94) prisoners were whipped by order of Courts.

10. There was no escape, but one attempt to escape.

11. There were 6 deaths (5 natural causes and 1 execution).

12. 11,673,172 forms were printed and issued to various Government Departments and 69,543 books bound or repaired, as compared with 9,440,324 forms and 70,809 books in 1923.

13. The buildings are in good repair.

14. The conduct of both European and Indian Staff with few exceptions was very good.

15. The appliances for use in case of fire are in good condition and the water supply adequate.

16. One new hall was taken into use at L.C.K. to accommodate juvenile offenders, in November.

17. The rules laid down for the Government of prisons have been complied with.

18. I append the usual returns.

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5th June, 1925.

Table I.

Return showing the Expenditure and Income for the year 1924.

EXPENDITURE.	\$	c.	INCOME.	\$	c.
Pay and allowance of officers including Uniform, etc.	235,087.37		Earning of prisoners	121,664.08	
Victualing of prisoners	76,964.53		Debtors' subsistence	219.00	
Fuel, light, soap, and dry earth	31,163.71		Naval do.	138.00	
Clothing of prisoners, bedding, and furniture ..	31,942.53		To Balance	253,137.11	
Total	\$875,158.14		Total	\$875,158.14	
1923	\$324,698.26				

Average annual cost per prisoner \$237.56, in 1923 \$240.88, and in 1922 \$209.72.

Table II.

Return showing Expenditure and Income for the past 10 years.

Year.	Expenditure.	Income.	Actual cost of prisoners' maintenance.	Average cost per prisoner.
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
1915.....	109,369.95	65,544.33	43,825.62	73.78
1916.....	112,615.70	70,019.18	42,596.52	66.77
1917.....	108,212.42	68,815.01	39,397.42	65.66
1918.....	108,651.95	70,747.97	37,903.98	63.07
1919.....	135,550.16	69,277.07	66,273.09	87.66
1920.....	258,609.17	66,547.61	192,061.56	254.37
1921.....	297,970.56	79,635.73	218,334.83	286.78
1922.....	291,175.12	126,124.62	165,050.50	209.72
1923.....	324,698.26	117,302.22	207,396.04	240.88
1924	375,158.14	121,664.03	253,137.11	237.56

Table III.

Return showing value of Industrial Labour for the year 1924.

Nature of Industry.	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8	
	Value of stock on hand January 1st, 1924.		Value of materials purchased.		Total Dr.		Value of articles manufactured or work done for payment.		Value of articles manufactured or work done for Dept. or other Departments.		Value of stock on hand December 31st, 1924.		Total Cr.		Value of earnings. (Difference between columns 3 and 7.)	
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
Oakum,	83.79	...	560.00	...	83.79	...	560.00	...	83.79	...	83.79	...	643.79	...	560.00	...
Coir,	3,924.35	4,308.49	3,452.32	4,156.73	8,232.84	3,452.32	4,156.73	3,628.25	4,156.73	3,628.25	11,237.30	3,004.46	11,237.30	3,004.46	3,004.46	3,004.46
Net-making,	20.08	135.06	310.56	16.97	155.14	310.56	16.97	9.30	16.97	9.30	336.83	181.69	336.83	181.69	181.69	181.69
Tailoring,	911.95	14,116.53	66.05	18,407.56	15,028.48	66.05	18,407.56	3,509.64	18,407.56	3,509.64	16,983.25	1,954.77	16,983.25	1,954.77	1,954.77	1,954.77
Rattan,	1.40	1,412.60	4.25	1,534.20	1,414.00	4.25	1,534.20	16.75	1,534.20	16.75	1,555.20	141.20	1,555.20	141.20	141.20	141.20
Tim-smithing,	49.80	1,294.46	34.05	2,543.50	1,344.26	34.05	2,543.50	130.00	2,543.50	130.00	2,707.55	1,363.29	2,707.55	1,363.29	1,363.29	1,363.29
Carpentering,	561.40	2,100.90	1,001.35	1,919.81	2,562.30	1,001.35	1,919.81	533.35	1,919.81	533.35	3,454.54	792.24	3,454.54	792.24	792.24	792.24
Grass-matting,	56	132.80	...	246.00	133.16	...	246.00	1.04	246.00	1.04	247.04	113.88	247.04	113.88	113.88	113.88
Shoe-making,	2,244.75	5,761.08	86.80	6,885.73	8,405.83	86.80	6,885.73	1,912.01	6,885.73	1,912.01	8,884.57	878.74	8,884.57	878.74	878.74	878.74
Laundry,	12.25	2,588.24	...	13,278.30	2,600.49	...	13,278.30	20.12	13,278.30	20.12	13,298.42	10,697.98	13,298.42	10,697.98	10,697.98	10,697.98
Printing and Bookbinding,	59,363.97	94,184.03	347.85	181,020.30	153,548.00	347.85	181,020.30	73,821.25	181,020.30	73,821.25	255,189.40	101,641.40	255,189.40	101,641.40	101,641.40	101,641.40
Photography,	18.75	814.00	50.12	1,111.76	832.75	50.12	1,111.76	5.30	1,111.76	5.30	1,167.18	334.43	1,167.18	334.43	334.43	334.43
Total,	\$ 67,192.85	\$ 126,848.19	\$ 5,913.35	\$ 226,120.89	\$ 194,041.04	\$ 5,913.35	\$ 226,120.89	\$ 83,670.83	\$ 226,120.89	\$ 83,670.83	\$ 315,705.07	\$ 121,664.03	\$ 315,705.07	\$ 121,664.03	\$ 121,664.03	\$ 121,664.03

Paid into Bank during 1924, which sum includes \$337.73 for work executed in 1923, \$44.27.

Value of work executed during 1924 for which payment was deferred to 1925, \$482.90.