

Appendix I.

REPORT OF THE LAND OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 1934.

REGISTRATION.

1. During the year 4,441 instruments were registered under the provisions of Ordinance No. 1 of 1844,—a decrease of 711 compared with the preceding year.

2. The total number of instruments registered under the provisions of the above mentioned Ordinance (since 1844) to the end of the year 1934 was 145,012.

3. The number of instruments registered each year during the last ten years is shewn in Table I.

4. The total consideration on sales, mortgages, surrenders and miscellaneous land transactions registered in the Land Office amounted to \$76,058,138.06, particulars of which are shewn in Table II.

CROWN LEASES.

5. 673 Crown Leases were issued during the year, as against 721 in the previous year—a decrease of 48—particulars are set out in Table III.

6. The number of leases issued each year during the last ten years is shewn in Table I.

FEEES.

7. The total amount of fees collected (exclusive of the New Territories) amounted to \$110,058.25, being a decrease of \$16,807.00 on the preceding year. Table IV shews the Monthly Revenue.

8. Land Registration Fees in the New Territories amounted to \$5,372.80, and Crown Lease Fees to \$60.00.

9. The total fees collected during the past ten years is shewn in Table V.

GRANTS OF LAND.

10. The total area of land leased during the year under review was 841 acres 3 roods and 39½ poles, of which 634 acres, 0 rood and 38-2/5 poles were dealt with by the District Officers.

11. Particulars of grants, surrenders and resumptions during the year are shewn on pages U 2 and 3 of the Blue Book for 1934.

SURRENDERS.

12. 62 surrenders of land required for public purposes (including surrenders under Contracts of Exchange) were prepared and registered in the Land Office, the total consideration for those required for public purposes amounting to \$749,473.66.

STAMP DUTIES.

13. Stamp Duties paid on registered documents (exclusive of Probates and Letters of Administration) amounted to \$290,354.35, a decrease of \$115,506.15.

CROWN RENTS.

14. The number of lots entered on the Hong Kong and Kowloon Crown Rent Roll—as shewn in Table VI—was 9,272 an increase of 644 on the preceding year.

15. The Crown Rents on this Roll amounted to \$703,709.79—a decrease on the preceding year of \$14,592.80.

16. The number of lots entered on the Village Crown Rent Roll—as shewn in Table VII—was 3,431 an increase 285 on the preceding year.

17. The Crown Rents on this Roll amounted to \$1,582.75—an increase of \$48.30 as compared with the preceding year.

18. The total Crown Rents amounted to \$705,292.54 a decrease of \$14,544.50 on the year 1933—mainly due to the re-entries and surrenders which have taken place.

DOCUMENTS.

19. 1,319 miscellaneous documents were prepared in the Land Office during the year, being a decrease of 243 compared with the year 1933; viz:—

- (a) 673 Crown Leases (with Counterparts).
- (b) 457 Memorials for the registration of Undertakings relating to Verandahs and Balconies over Crown Land.
- (c) 62 Surrenders of land required for public purposes, street improvements and private Exchanges.
- (d) 69 Agreements for exchanges and surrenders.
- (e) 55 Memorials of Re-entry.
- (f) 3 Deeds of Covenant relating to Scavenging Lanes.

STAFF.

20. Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith acted as Land Officer from 16th April, 1934 to 13th December, 1934, while Mr. Philip Jacks was acting as Puisne Judge.

PHILIP JACKS,
Land Officer.

April, 1935.

Table I.

NUMBER OF INSTRUMENTS REGISTERED AND CROWN LEASES
GRANTED DURING THE YEARS 1925 TO 1934.

Year.	Instruments registered.	Crown Leases granted.
1925	4,226	178
1926	4,360	250
1927	4,628	196
1928	4,798	235
1929	4,250	242
1930	5,517	874
1931	6,181	517
1932	6,345	938
1933	5,152	721
1934	4,441	678

Table II.

CONSIDERATION ON INSTRUMENTS REGISTERED IN THE LAND
OFFICE DURING THE YEAR 1934.

Description of Instruments.	Number registered.	No. of Lots or portions of Lots affected.	Total Consideration.
			\$ c.
Assignments	1,112	1,396	23,018,919.89
Mortgages and Transfer of Mortgages	1,327	1,805	27,317,763.48
Reassignments and Certificates of Satisfaction ...	968	1,239	20,957,783.89
Surrenders	62	185	749,473.66
Judgments and Orders of Court	78	207	130,444.16
Miscellaneous Documents.	754	1,517	3,882,752.98
Probates and Letters of Administration, (Estate Duties and Interest \$362,774.15)	140	638	
Total	4,441	6,987	\$76,058,138.06

Table III.

CROWN LEASES GRANTED DURING THE YEAR 1934.

Hong Kong							Kowloon				New Kowloon				TOTAL		
Victoria Marine Inland	Rural Building	Shaokwan Inland	Permanent Pier	Garden	Aberdeen Inland		Kowloon Marine	Kowloon Inland	Kowloon Permanent Pier	Hung Hom Inland		New Kowloon Inland	New Kowloon Dairy Farm	Sheungshui Inland	Tsun-wan Permanent Pier	Shek O Inland	
2	230	37	13	2	6	1	1	189	2	2		181	4	1	1	1	673

Table IV.

RETURN OF MONTHLY REVENUE PAID IN STAMPS TO THE LAND OFFICE DURING THE YEAR 1934.

Month.	Registration of Deeds.	Searches, Copy Documents, and Certifications.	Crown Lease Fees.	Total.
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
January	7,174.00	702.00	4,740.00	12,616.00
February	5,592.00	455.00	1,650.00	7,697.00
March	5,807.00	571.00	3,360.00	9,738.00
April	5,313.00	632.00	2,490.00	8,435.00
May	6,298.00	649.50	3,960.00	10,907.50
June	6,203.00	591.50	2,280.00	9,074.50
July	6,676.00	590.00	4,350.00	11,616.00
August	5,470.00	535.50	2,010.00	8,015.50
September	4,721.00	466.00	2,730.00	7,917.00
October	4,763.00	520.75	2,730.00	8,013.75
November	4,693.00	560.00	3,270.00	8,523.00
December	4,635.00	590.00	2,280.00	7,505.00
Totals	67,345.00	6,863.25	35,850.00	110,058.25

\$126,865.25 1933 Total
 110,058.25 1934 Total

16,807.00 Decrease.

Table V.

FEEES COLLECTED DURING THE YEARS 1925 TO 1934.

Year.	Registration of Deeds.	Searches, and Copies of Docu- ments.	Grants of Leases.	Total.
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
1925	65,068.00	4,778.75	5,210.00	75,056.75
1926	65,843.00	4,443.00	7,635.00	77,921.00
1927	67,115.00	5,050.50	5,442.00	77,607.50
1928	72,815.00	6,640.00	6,630.00	86,085.00
1929	63,478.00	5,498.50	7,100.00	76,076.50
1930	84,339.00	7,043.75	25,472.00	116,854.75
1931	94,054.00	7,254.00	17,290.00	118,598.00
1932	98,335.00	8,789.25	44,430.00	151,554.25
1933	81,508.00	8,547.25	36,810.00	126,865.25
1934	67,345.00	6,863.25	35,850.00	110,058.25

Table VI.

HONG KONG AND KOWLOON RENT ROLL.

Locality and Description.	No. of Lots.	Total Crown Rent.
		\$ c.
Victoria Marine Lot	416	80,714.11
" Praya Reclamation Marine... Lot	39	2,398.39
" Inland Lot	3,226	246,706.25
Quarry Bay Marine Lot	3	18,914.00
" Inland Lot	13	4,024.00
Victoria Farm Lot	8	401.55
" Garden Lot	45	1,996.00
" Rural Building Lot	272	46,701.58
Aberdeen Marine Lot	7	579.16
" Inland Lot	83	1,150.50
Aplichau Marine Lot	20	113.88
" Inland Lot	44	281.48
Shaukiwan Marine Lot	10	2,308.00
" Inland Lot	233	5,051.57
Stanley Inland Lot	4	4.00
Pokfulum Dairy Farm Lot	4	2,712.00
Kowloon Marine Lot	57	50,911.00
" Inland Lot	2,484	126,968.47
" Garden Lot	1	1.00
Hung Hom Marine Lot	2	6,140.00
" Inland Lot	156	9,234.00
Sheko Inland Lot	4	15.00
Tai Tam Inland Lot	1	1.00
Tong Po Inland Lot	1	1.00
New Kowloon Marine Lot	3	18,938.00
" Inland Lot	2,067	64,796.35
" Farm Lot	6	272.50
" Rural Building Lot	1	42.00
Tai Po Inland Lot	10	838.00
Fan Ling Lot	2	1,898.00
Sheung Shui Lot	7	1,138.00
Ping Chau Farm Lot	1	225.00
Mining Lot	1	302.00
Tsun Wan Marine Lot	5	4,376.00
" Inland Lot	15	2,406.00
New Kowloon Dairy Farm Lot	20	1,074.00
Tsing I Marine Lot	1	76.00
Total	9,272	\$708,709.79

Table VII.

VILLAGE RENT ROLL.

Locality and Description.	No. of Lots.	Total Crown Rent.	
		\$	c.
Aberdeen	16	47.50	
Pokfulam	24	28.25	
Tai Hang	156	682.50	
Ah Kung Ngam	25	18.25	
Shaukiwan	27	15.00	
Hau Pui Loong	12	44.00	
Wong Tsuk Hang	2	34.50	
Tai Hang Stream	16	67.00	
Tong Po	1	2.50	
Tytam	1	3.50	
Tytam Tuk	3	2.50	
Chung Hom Bay	1	.50	
Chinese Joss House, Bowen Road Victoria	1	3.00	
Aplichau	5	8.00	
Telegraph Bay	12	33.50	
Little Hong Kong	1,485	265.65	
Shek O	327	74.50	
Hok Tsui	177	34.90	
Chai Wan	723	125.80	
Stanley	309	114.20	
Wong Ma Kok	108	27.20	
Total	3,431	\$1,582.75	

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR OF MARRIAGES
FOR THE YEAR 1934.

MARRIAGES.

The number of Marriages celebrated in the Colony during the year was 325, (of which 153 were between Chinese persons) as compared with 283 (and 115) respectively in 1933—an increase of 42. Particulars are given in Table I infra.

FEEES.

2. The total amount of Fees received under the Second Schedule of the Marriage Ordinance 1875, was \$3,327.90 as compared with \$2,440.00 in 1933—an increase of \$887.90. Particulars are shewn in Table II.

PHILIP JACKS,
Registrar of Marriages.

Table I.

(1) Marriages by SPECIAL LICENCE, 30.

(a) At Licenced Places of Public Worship. 9.	(b) At the Office of the Registrar of Marriages. 21.
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(2) Marriages by REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE, 295.

(a) At Licenced Places of Public Worship. 171.	(b) At the Office of the Registrar of Marriages. 124.
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Table II.

FEES RECEIVED DURING 1934.

	Fee.	Total Fees.
308 Certificates of Notice (Registrar's Certificates)	@ \$1.00	308.00
8 Searches	@ \$1.00	8.00
43 Certified Copies	@ \$1.00	43.00
1 Certified Copy	@ \$1.98*	1.98
1 Certified Copy	@ \$0.98†	0.98
1 Certified Copy	@ \$0.94†	0.94
1 Certified Copy	Free of Charge	—
3 Licences to Registrar of Marriages to issue his Certificates under Section 9 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1875	@ \$10.00	30.00
2 Licences to Registrar of Marriages to issue his Certificates under Section 6 of Foreign Marriage Ordinance 1903 ...	@ \$10.00	20.00
29 Special Licences	@ \$50.00	1,450.00
145 Marriages at the Office of the Registrar	@ \$10.00	1,450.00
1 Certificate of Absence of record for a period exceeding 10 years	@ \$10.00	10.00
1 Certificate of Absence of record for a period not exceeding 10 years	@ \$5.00	5.00
Total		\$3,327.90

*Excess receipts due to Exchange.

†Deficit receipts due to Exchange.