

## Appendix I.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS FOR THE YEAR 1934.

The number of prisoners received into prison during the year and the corresponding number for 1933 were as follows:—

	1933.	1934.
Convicted by Ordinary Courts .....	10,192	12,297
Debtors .....	62	73
On remand or in default of finding surety	1,185	934
Total .....	11,439	13,304
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2. The percentage of convicted prisoners admitted to prison with previous convictions recorded against them was 14.9 as compared with 15.3 for the previous year.

3. 655 prisoners were convicted by Police Courts in the New Territories against 473 for the previous year.

4. The following table shows the number of convicts in custody on the 31st December for the past ten years, and the percentage of the total number of prisoners in custody to the estimated population of Hong Kong.

Year.	Estimated population.	Number of convicts.	Percentage of population.	Daily average number of prisoners.	Percentage to population.
1925	874,420	394	·045	1,116	·128
1926	786,920	409	·052	1,054	·134
1927	* 890,400	392	·044	1,189	·136
1928	*1,075,690	352	·033	1,071	·100
1929	*1,075,690	331	·031	1,075	·100
1930	*1,143,510	256	·022	1,175	·103
1931	† 849,751	202	·024	1,102	·130
1932	900,796	173	·019	1,114	·124
1933	922,643	162	·018	1,472	·160
1934	944,492	157	·017	V. G. 839 L. C. K. 593 F. P. 178	} ·170

\*Probably overestimated.

†Census of 1931.

5. Juvenile offenders are now sent, after conviction and sentence, to the Remand Home (Boys) and Salvation Army Home (Girls).

VICTORIA GAOL (MALES).

6. 23,333,380 forms were printed and issued to various Government departments and 106,499 books bound or repaired as compared with 22,993,811 forms and 122,901 books in 1933. During the year type to the value of \$460 was cast.

7. Other industries in the Prison included matmaking, tailoring, carpentering, tinsmithing, painting, laundering, shoemaking, netmaking and basketmaking, and the usual upkeep work of cleaning and minor building repairs.

8. The Gaol was again overcrowded.

9. The workshop accommodation is inadequate.

10. Two prisoners attempted to escape, one on 28th February and one on 25th December. Both were recaptured by Prison officers.

LAI CHI KOK PRISON.

11. Garden work continues to give useful employment. Other work done at Lai Chi Kók, apart from the essential routine duties of cooking, cleaning, etc., included string and net making, coir matmaking, basket and broom making and grass matmaking.

12. There was no escape or attempt to escape.

13. A new Hall to accommodate, if necessary, 200 prisoners was built and occupied.

FEMALE PRISON—LAI CHI KOK.

14. This prison was also overcrowded. Although it was constructed to accommodate 120 (about double the daily average in custody in the old Female Prison) the number in the New Prison has frequently been much higher.

15. Female prisoners are employed chiefly on laundry work and mending. They also do a certain amount of envelope making, etc., and a little weaving.

16. The Lady Visitors continue to attend regularly for instructional purposes. Sisters from the Italian Convent attend on Saturdays and Lady Visitors of the Church Missionary Society attend on Sundays to give religious addresses. The administration would again like to express thanks to all these ladies for their valued services.

GENERAL.

17. 431 punishments were awarded for breaches of prison discipline as compared with 433 for the preceding year. Corporal punishment was inflicted in fourteen cases for prison offences.

18. Thirty-six prisoners were whipped by order of Courts.

19. There was again a marked increase in the number of prisoners convicted in the New Territory Courts, see paragraph 3.

20. Owing to overcrowding in the prisons 233 males were released before expiration of sentence. It was not found necessary to release any women prematurely.

21. The discipline in all three prisons was good.

22. The health of the prisoners generally was well maintained.

23. The conduct of the officers was on the whole very good.

24. The general health of the staff was good.

25. The site for the new prison at Stanley has been prepared and building begun.

26. The opening of the Vehicular Ferry across the Harbour enabled the Department to dispense with the Government launch used for transporting prisoners and stores to and from Lai Chi Kok. This service is now more economically and satisfactorily carried out by Prison Motor Vans.

J. W. FRANKS,  
*Superintendent of Prisons.*

4th May, 1935.

**Table I.**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE, 1933 AND 1934.

	1933.	1934.
Personal Emoluments .....	460,958.95	434,303.67
<i>Other charges.</i>		
Arms and Ammunition .....	339.62	408.61
Conveyance Allowance to Superintendent .....	600.00	600.00
Cleaning and Sanitary Materials ....	5,799.49	6,171.91
Clothing and Shoes for Staff .....	13,962.87	15,954.18
Clothing for prisoners .....	17,116.83	15,846.06
Execution fees .....	50.00	—
Fuel .....	39,684.48	40,830.24
Furniture .....	786.00	668.17
Grants to Chaplains .....	1,200.00	1,200.00
Gratuities to prisoners .....	692.00	583.00
Incidental Expenses .....	2,277.92	2,260.68
Light .....	10,637.35	12,337.14
Materials for Remunerative Industries .....	5,471.56	5,097.03
Materials for Repairs and Renewals...	9,401.75	9,945.19
Photography .....	2,319.01	2,044.50
Rations for Indian Warders .....	14,358.09	14,238.99
Rent of Quarters for European Warders .....	6,780.16	6,854.19
Rent of Quarters for Indian Warders	9,200.00	10,640.00
Subsistence of Prisoners .....	208,006.50	221,249.45
Transport .....	—	1,913.92
Upkeep and running Expense of Motor Vans .....	—	1,611.49
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Total Other Charges .....	348,693.63	370,454.75
<i>Special Expenditure.</i>		
Two Printing Machines .....	30,764.40	—
Three Ruling Machines .....	10,142.59	—
Crossley Chassis .....	3,313.71	—
Linotype Machines .....	—	14,342.20
Two small Printing Machines .....	—	10,506.84
Crossley Chassis .....	—	191.25
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Total Special Expenditure...	44,220.70	25,040.29
Total Prison Department .....	853,873.28	829,798.71
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**Table II.**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, 1933 AND 1934.

Head of Revenue collected by Prison Department.

<i>Fees of Court or Office.</i>	1933.	1934.
Prisoners Subsistence .....	1,886.00	1,878.00
Prison Industries .....	7,282.70	5,338.98
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Total .....	9,168.70	7,216.98
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**Table III.**

*Comparative Statement of Expenditure and Revenue of  
Prison Department for the last 10 years.*

	*Personal Emoluments and Other Charges	Special Ex- penditure	Total Expenditure	Total Revenue including esti- mated value of prison labour
1925	\$460,813.31	\$2,013.73	\$462,827.04	\$126,623.61
1926	475,950.09	3,218.46	479,168.55	153,727.28
1927	500,203.68	636.90	500,840.58	160,417.44
1928	493,271.58	Nil	493,271.58	166,024.55
1929	514,267.37	7,264.36	521,531.73	179,307.54
1930	659,839.39	29,693.50	689,592.89	144,550.53
1931	791,012.42	Nil	791,012.42	170,339.01
1932	755,804.80	24,306.28	780,111.08	207,085.54
1933	809,652.58	44,220.70	853,873.28	217,492.17
1934	804,758.42	25,040.29	829,798.71	220,622.50

\*Includes officers of J. C. Service.

**Table IV.**

Return showing value of Industrial Labour for the year 1934.

Nature of Industry.	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8	
	Value of stock on hand January 1st 1934.		Value of materials purchased.		Total Dr.		Value of articles manufactured or work done for payment.		Value of work done for good or other Departments.		Value of stock on hand December 31st, 1934.		Total Cr.		Value of Earnings. Difference between columns 3 and 7.	
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
Coir, .....	4,201.50		3,946.85		8,148.35		2,738.26		3,891.55		3,984.85		10,614.66		2,466.31	
Net-making, .....	458.75		236.73		695.48		191.15		245.43		364.35		800.93		105.45	
Tailoring, .....	5,368.20		17,682.85		23,052.05		44.70		23,755.36		4,809.14		28,609.20		5,557.15	
Rattan, .....	149.10		486.73		635.83		.10		766.40		162.05		928.55		292.72	
Tinsmithing, .....	215.40		1,988.65		2,204.05		89.01		4,602.59		473.90		5,165.50		2,961.45	
Carpentering, ....	850.35		3,267.29		4,117.64		78.27		5,498.68		703.45		6,280.40		2,162.76	
Grass-matting, ...	26.40		120.00		146.40		...		427.71		37.25		464.96		318.56	
Shoemaking, .....	894.30		2,683.92		3,578.22		56.90		5,192.93		924.17		6,174.00		2,595.78	
Laundry, .....	1,124.30		3,892.34		5,016.64		...		16,791.96		905.36		17,697.32		12,680.68	
Printing and Bookbinding, ...	55,109.00		83,313.99		138,422.99		1,797.67		265,869.58		61,261.67		328,928.92		190,505.93	
Photography, ....	41.50		2,044.50		2,086.00		.85		2,548.68		12.75		2,562.28		476.28	
Gardening, .....	36.20		126.45		162.65		546.18		...		23.20		569.38		406.73	
Weaving, .....	214.90		167.80		382.70		...		352.35		123.05		475.40		92.70	
<b>Total,.....\$</b>	<b>68,689.90</b>		<b>119,959.10</b>		<b>188,649.00</b>		<b>5,543.09</b>		<b>329,943.22</b>		<b>73,785.19</b>		<b>409,271.50</b>		<b>220,622.50</b>	

Paid into Bank during 1934, which sum includes \$129.80 for work executed in 1933, \$5,338.98.

Value of work executed during 1934 for which payment was deferred to 1935, \$333.91.

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