

COMPARATIVE YEARLY STATEMENT of the REVENUE.

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1. LIGHT DUES,	75,031.83	68,656.82	6,375.00	Due to the war.
Do., Special Assessment, Ord. No. 10 of 1899,	87,445.72	79,810.39	7,635.33	Do.
2. LICENCES AND INTERNAL REVENUE NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.					
Arms Licences,	2,420.00	2,410.00	.....	10.00	.....
Assessed Taxes,.....	1,831,020.01	1,843,766.52	12,746.51	.....	{ Addition to assessed property.
Do., Special War Rate,	.....	504,983.65	504,983.65	.....	New item.
Auctioneers' Licences,	1,200.00	600.00	.....	600.00	.....
Billiard Table and Bowling Alley Licences,	1,100.00	700.00	.....	400.00	.....
Boarding-house Licences,	75.00	75.00	.....	.....	.....
Boat Licences,	96,200.24	97,998.20	1,797.96	.....	.....
Carriage, Chair, &c., Licences, ...	122,066.50	124,840.70	2,774.20	.....	.....
Chinese Boarding-house Licences.	5,112.50	7,637.50	2,525.00	.....	.....
Chinese Passenger Ship Licences,	1,515.00	1,575.00	60.00	.....	.....
Chinese Undertakers' Licences,	480.00	500.00	20.00	.....	.....
Companies Local Registers Licences,.....	1,647.84	1,124.28	.....	523.56	.....
Dangerous Goods Licences,	1,955.00	2,147.00	192.00	.....	.....
Dog Licences,.....	6,348.00	6,765.00	417.00	.....	.....
Emigration Brokers' Licences,....	1,100.00	1,494.25	394.25	.....	.....
Ferry Licences, N.T.,	9.00	9.00	.....	.....	.....
Fines,	88,210.40	51,925.61	.....	36,284.79	Fewer cases.
Fishing Stake and Station Licences,.....	2,778.30	2,553.80	.....	224.50	.....
Fishing Licences, .....	.....	20.00	20.00	.....	.....
Forestry Licences, N.T.,	4,871.45	4,822.82	.....	48.63	.....
Forfeitures,.....	33,767.53	30,799.47	.....	2,968.06	.....
Game Licences,	1,600.00	1,540.00	.....	60.00	.....
Hawkers' Licences,	37,434.00	50,259.00	12,825.00	.....	More licences.
Junk Licences,	53,699.34	50,431.00	.....	3,268.34	Fewer licences.
Liquor Duties,	793,762.24	781,214.80	.....	12,547.44	Less consumption.
Liquor Licences,.....	288,966.99	266,124.09	27,157.10	.....	More licences.
Marine Store Dealers' Licences,	11,160.00	11,025.00	.....	135.00	Do.
Marriage Licences,	876.00	1,075.00	199.00	Do.
<i>Carried forward,.....</i> \$	3,501,852.89	3,996,883.90	566,111.67	71,080.66	

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LICENCES AND INTERNAL REVENUE NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED,—Continued.					
Mining Licences, N.T.,.....	1,255.48	750.00	505.48	Fewer licences.
Money Changers' Licences,	11,990.00	11,394.67	.....	595.33	.....
Opium Monopoly,	5,811,110.15	5,887,475.44	76,365.29	.....	Increased sale.
Pawnbrokers' Licences,.....	106,925.00	113,275.00	6,350.00	.....	More licences.
Permits to cut Earth and Stone, New Territories,.....	239.00	244.00	5.00	.....	.....
Pharmacy and Poison Ordinance Licences,.....	360.00	210.00	.....	150.00	Fewer licences.
Pilots' Licences,.....	130.00	170.00	40.00	.....	.....
Prospecting Licences, N.T.,.....	.....	500.00	500.00	.....	.....
Special Food Licences,	5,576.88	5,827.87	250.99	.....	.....
Stamp Duties,.....	1,065,946.79	1,391,757.93	325,811.14	.....	More probates.
Steam-Launch Licences,	7,501.00	8,693.50	1,192.50	.....	.....
Theatrical Licences,	2,544.00	1,920.00	.....	624.00	.....
Tobacco Duties,.....	211,181.74	499,871.71	288,689.97	.....	{ 1916 for portion of the year.
Water-Wheel Licences,.....	45.00	7.00	.....	38.00	.....
1. FEES OF COURT OR OFFICE, PAYMENTS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES, AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN AID:—					
Ambulance and Cremation Fees,	545.00	787.00	242.00	.....	.....
Analyses,	19,429.50	25,846.50	6,417.00	.....	.....
Bills of Health,	8,284.80	8,634.00	349.20	.....	.....
Births and Deaths Registration,	1,443.40	1,296.10	.....	147.30	.....
Cemetery Fees,.....	606.10	566.20	.....	39.90	.....
Certificates to Chinese entering America,.....	875.00	350.00	.....	525.00	.....
Chemists and Druggists Registration,.....	.....	25.00	25.00	.....	.....
China Companies Fees,	44,819.67	45,377.89	558.22	.....	.....
Chinese Cemetery Fees,	3,383.00	3,319.50	.....	63.50	.....
Companies Registration,	8,715.40	.....	.....	8,715.40	.....
Custodian's Fees,	4,855.47	16,972.15	12,116.68	.....	.....
Contribution from Wei-hai-wei Government for Clerical Assistance,	450.00	450.00
<i>Carried forward</i> ,.....\$	10,819,615.27	12,022,605.36	1,285,174.66	82,484.57	

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<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	10,819,615.27		12,022,605.36		1,285,474.66	82,484.57	
FEES OF COURT OR OFFICE, &c.,—<i>Continued.</i>							
Court Fees,.....	37,394.40		33,094.03		.....	4,300.37	.....
Crown Leases,	3,960.00		4,370.00		410.00	.....	.....
Deeds Registration,	48,587.85		50,241.75		1,653.90	.....	{ More deeds registration.
Engagement and Discharge of Seamen,	30,400.60		29,007.00		.....	1,393.60	.....
Engagement of Masters and Engineers of Steam-Launches, ...	258.00		275.50		17.50	.....	.....
Examination of Masters, Mates and Engineers,	2,962.50		2,570.00		.....	392.50	.....
Fees for use of Government Buoys,.....	50,722.00		61,156.00		10,434.00	.....	{ Buoys now Government property.
Graves Certificates, N.T.,.....	88.75		93.75		5.00	.....	.....
Gunpowder Storage,	4,600.78		7,219.81		2,619.03	.....	More goods stored.
Hongkong Companies Registration .....	.....		6,220.70		6,220.70	.....	New item.
Householders Registration,	10.00		10.00		.....	.....	.....
Legal Costs,	6,792.30		8,147.10		1,354.80	.....	.....
Letters Patent,	1,202.75		436.00		.....	766.75	.....
Maintenance of Gap Rock Lighthouse,—Contribution from Chinese Government,.....	750.00		750.00		.....	.....	.....
Medical Certificates,	10.00		10.00		.....	.....	.....
Medical Examination of Emigrants,.....	72,686.50		62,836.50		.....	9,850.00	Fewer emigrants.
Medical and Dental Registration,	235.00		115.00		.....	120.00	.....
Medical Treatment,	32,007.05		30,670.20		.....	1,336.85	.....
Naturalization Fees,	245.00		45.00		.....	200.00	.....
Official Administrator's Commission,.....	2,129.11		5,232.42		3,103.31	.....	.....
Official Receiver's Commission,	8,586.53		1,694.32		.....	6,892.21	.....
Official Signatures,	12,598.03		15,424.21		2,826.18	.....	{ General increase of business.
Ordinances and Civil Service List Sales,	972.57		101.63		.....	870.94	.....
Police and Other Stores Sales, ...	850.62		788.01		.....	62.61	.....
Police Service Loans,	8,798.92		8,435.71		.....	363.21	Fewer engagements.
Possession Fees,.....	5,654.50		3,062.00		.....	2,592.50	.....
Printed Forms Sales,.....	214.50		183.25		.....	31.25	.....
Prison Industries Sales,.....	4,059.97		3,601.08		458.89
<i>Carried forward</i> ,.....\$	11,156,393.50		12,358,396.33		1,314,119.08	112,116.25	

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FEES OF COURT OR OFFICE, &c.,—<i>Continued.</i>							
Prisoners' Subsistence Recovery,	1,810.10		1,482.10		328.00
Public Schools Fees,.....	55,832.50		62,286.75		6,454.25	.....	.....
Queen's College Fees,	25,892.50		30,545.00		4,652.50	.....	.....
Registration of Societies,	100.00		115.00		15.00	.....	.....
Registry Fees,	1,278.00		6,298.00		5,020.00	.....	.....
Salaries, British Postal Agencies, .....	.....		26,004.14		26,004.14	.....	New item.
Sick Stoppages from Police Force,	1,281.57		1,476.20		194.63	.....	.....
Sugar Certificates and Permits,	1,185.00		.....		.....	1,185.00	.....
Sunday Cargo-working Permits,	116,000.00		133,675.00		17,675.00	.....	More permits.
Survey of Steam-Launches,	4,215.00		5,910.00		1,695.00	.....	{ Survey of private-owned / launches for first time.
Survey of Steamships,	26,248.34		31,058.57		4,810.33	.....	More steamers.
Technical Institute Fees,	2,967.00		3,488.50		521.50	.....	More attendances.
Timber Sales,.....	2,134.85		2,505.54		370.69	.....	More sales.
Trade Marks Registration,	4,925.50		5,671.50		746.00	.....	.....
Vaccine Lymph Sales,	950.00		540.00		.....	410.00	.....
Water Excess Supply and Meter Rents,	190,091.33		184,135.92		.....	5,955.41	.....
Warrants of Attachment,	317.00		228.00		.....	89.00	.....
2. POST OFFICE :—							
Message Fees,.....	9,188.49		23,817.40		14,628.91	.....	More radio telegrams.
Postage,	401,742.33		403,869.87		2,127.54	.....	Increase of business.
3. KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY :—							
Main Line :—							
Coaching Through Traffic,							
Coaching Local Traffic,.....							
Goods Through Traffic,.....							
Goods Local Traffic,							
Miscellaneous { Through,.....							
{ Local,							
Fan Ling Branch Line :—							
Coaching and Goods,	10,975.22		9,659.42		1,315.80	Less traffic.
<i>Carried forward</i> ,.....	\$ 12,368,768.68		\$ 13,709,750.38		1,436,731.16	121,399.46	

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<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....\$	12,368,768.68		13,709,750.38		1,436,731.16		121,399.46
1. RENT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, LAND AND HOUSES:—							
Buildings,	48,610.32		43,377.04		.....	5,233.28	.....
Lands not Leased (Permits for encroachments, etc.),.....	79,006.16		81,329.76		2,323.60	.....	More rents.
Leased Lands, New Territories, (Crown Rent),	125,123.84		122,688.45		.....	2,435.39	.....
Laundries,	1,920.00		1,940.00		20.00	.....	.....
Leased Lands, (Crown Rent exclusive of New Territories), ...	358,347.18		360,629.10		2,281.92	.....	Fewer arrears.
Markets,	163,915.40		164,714.40		799.00	.....	Some rents increased.
Piers,	47,057.59		48,076.71		1,019.12	.....	More rents.
Pineapple Land Leases,	1,285.05		1,097.42		.....	187.63	.....
Slaughter House,	104,297.00		92,335.50		.....	11,961.50	{ Fewer animals slaughtered.
Slaughter House, Ma Tau Kok, ..	17,039.30		16,655.80		.....	383.50	Do.
Stone Quarries,	20,064.78		22,715.57		2,650.79	.....	.....
2. INTEREST,	1,091.61		64,699.81		63,608.20	.....	.....
1. MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS:—							
Blake Pier ticket fees, .....	.....		8.06		8.06	.....	New item.
Compensation in lieu of Rates,...	10,341.61		12,886.13		2,544.52	.....	More penalties paid.
Condemned Stores, &c.,.....	2,119.95		1,086.08		.....	1,033.87	.....
Conservancy Contracts,.....	26,353.68		28,404.59		2,050.91	.....	.....
Interest on Government Houses Furniture,	277.22		269.20		.....	8.02	.....
Other Miscellaneous Receipts, ...	40,070.00		50,623.43		10,553.43	.....	Unclaimed deposit.
Royalty payable by the Hongkong Tramway Co.,.....	10,598.39		19,798.47		9,200.08	.....	.....
Mining Royalties,	284.41		399.77		115.36	.....	.....
Scavenging City, Villages, and Hill District, .....	.....		1,954.35		1,954.35	.....	New item.
Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Contributions,.....	57,243.06		51,650.46		.....	5,592.60	Higher exchange.
1. LAND SALES:—							
Premia on New Leases,.....	349,571.63		161,014.23		.....	188,557.40	Fewer sales.
TOTAL,.....\$	13,833,886.86		15,058,104.71		1,561,310.50	336,792.65	