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## MISCELLANEOUS NUMERICAL RETURNS, 1917.

Country, District, or Parish.	Number of Savings Banks.	Number of Friendly Societies.	Number of Depositors in Savings Bank.	Number of Persons connected with Friendly Societies.	Persons paying direct Taxes.	Paupers.	Number of Im-migrants.	Number of Emi-grants.	Remarks.
Victoria, Hongkong.....	1		No figures available.				98,232	96,298	.....

## 1.—RETURN OF CASES brought under the cognizance of the SUPREME COURT of HONGKONG during the year 1917.

## ORIGINAL AND SUMMARY JURISDICTIONS.

Jurisdiction.	No. of Cases in 1917.	Debt and Damages for 1917.	Settled or with-drawn before trial.	JUDGMENT.			Struck out, Dismissed and Lapsed Writs.	Struck out of the Cause-Book as having been standing over generally for more than a year.	Debt and Damages recovered.
				Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.			
Original,.....	176	\$741,535.99*	36	42	...	...	4	...	\$155,663.87
Summary, .....	1,581	\$288,833.27†	676	591	23	2	29	...	\$122,765.59‡

\* Not including 2 claims—1 for Tls. 4,500 and the other for £1,077. 11s. 8d.

† Not including 2 claims—1 for Tls. 800 and the other for Rs 92.

‡ Not including 1 action in which judgment was given for Rs 800.

## 2.—RETURN OF DISTRESS WARRANTS FOR RENT issued during the year 1917. (Ordinance No. 1 of 1883.)

Number issued.	Sold to pay Claims.	Number withdrawn.	Aggregate Rent involved.	Aggregate Sum recovered on sales.
589	184	405	\$49,533.91	\$15,365.96

## 3.—APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

APPEALS COMMENCED.		APPEALS TRIED.			
Number of Cases.	No. of Cases.	JUDGMENT.			
		Appellant.	Respondent.	Pending.	Withdrawn.
0	1*	1	0	0	0

\* This case was a pending case.

## 4.—ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

Actions instituted.	Number heard.	Settled or withdrawn.	Pending.
...	1	1	3

## 5.—COMPARATIVE RETURN of all SUMS COLLECTED in the REGISTRY of the SUPREME COURT, during the years 1916 and 1917, and paid into the TREASURY.

	1916.	1917.
REGISTRAR.—Court Fees paid by Stamps,.....	\$36,309.90	\$32,052.03
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR.—5% on amounts en-cashed and paid into the Treasury,.....	2,015.82	4,968.10
OFFICIAL TRUSTEE.—2% on amount of Trust on taking over up to \$10,000, above \$10,000 Commission 1%, and 2% on income, .....	113.29	264.32
BAILIFF'S FEES.—(Including what was hitherto described as Sheriff's Fees), .....	1,034.50	998.50
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES, .....	8,715.40	6,220.70
FINES AND FORFEITURES,.....	2,831.00	615.00
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS,.....	45.27	154.16
UNCLAIMED BALANCES OF INTESTATE ESTATES, .....	...	...
UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS IN BANKRUPTCY ESTATES, .....	...	...
REGISTRAR OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS, .....	...	...
POSSESSION FEES,.....	5,654.50	3,062.00
	<u>\$56,719.68</u>	<u>\$48,334.81</u>

## 6.—COMPANIES REGISTRATION, 1917.

(Companies Ordinances 1911-1915.)

Companies transferred to Shanghai Register.	Companies transferred from Shanghai to Hongkong.	Companies in the course of liquidation.	Defunct Companies.	Companies registered during the year.	Amount of fees received.		
					Collected in Hongkong.	Collected in Shanghai.	Total.
2	* 1	5	6	21	\$ 6,220.70	\$ 49,198.27	\$ 55,418.97

## 6A.—CHINESE LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS :—

Chap Cheung Sing Ki.

A Tack &amp; Co.

Kwong Yuen.

## 6B.—UNREGISTERED COMPANIES UNDER PART VIII OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES, 1911 and 1915 :—

The Kam Luu Cheong firm.

## 7.—OFFICIAL TRUSTS, 1917.

Year.	Number of Trust Estates at the end of the year.	Aggregate Amount of Trust Estates.	Commission received during the year.	Remarks.
1916, .....	21	\$ 75,568.69	\$ 113.29	.....
1917, .....	23	\$ 65,251.49	\$ 264.32	‡ Trust Estates were wound up.

## 8.—PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION, 1917.

(Ordinance No. 2 of 1897.)

Number of Grants.			Amount sworn under.	Probate Duty. †	Court Fees.	Estates administered by the Official Administrator.				
Probates.	Letters of Administration. *	Affidavit leading to payment of estate duty.				Number of Estates.	Amount sworn under.	Official Administrator's Commission.	Number of Estates wound up.	Aggregate of Estates wound up.
97	111	...	\$ 9,260,000	\$ 532,522.20	\$ 12,440.40	62	\$ 65,251.49	\$ 4,968.10	15	\$ 41,928.01

\* Including grants to Official Administrator.

† Excluding Interest and additional Probate Duty paid.

## 9.—RETURN OF BANKRUPTCIES, 1917.

(Ordinance No. 7 of 1891.)

Number of Petitions filed.		Number of Receiving Orders made.		Number of Administration Orders.	Number of Petitions.				Number of Public Examinations.	Number of Adjudications.	Scheme of Arrangement.	Number of Discharges.	Number of Proceedings Annulled.	Total Estimated Assets. *	Total Estimated Liabilities. *	Total Fees paid in Stamps.	Official Receiver's Commission paid to Treasury.
Creditors.	Debtors.	On Creditors' Petition.	On Debtors' Petition.		Dismissed.	Withdrawn.	Consolidated.	Held over.									
7	6	5	4	...	...	3	...	...	2	8	...	2	...	\$ 60,865.74	\$ 130,707.64	\$ 1,094.30	\$ 1,694.33

\* In cases where a receiving order was made and was not rescinded.

N.B.—These returns relate only to bankruptcies occurring during 1917 except that the amounts shown under the two last headings are the total fees received during the year in respect of all bankruptcies.