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MISCELLANEOUS NUMERICAL RETURNS, 1922.

| 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. | | | | 143,547 | 98,393 | |

1.—RETURN OF CASES brought under the cognizance of the SUPREME COURT of HONGKONG during the year 1922.

ORIGINAL AND SUMMARY JURISDICTIONS.

| Jurisdic-tion. | No. of Cases in 1922. | Debt and Damages for 1922. | 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..... | 229 | \$1,893,921.98 | 52 | 74 | 3 | ... | 1 | ... | 771,401.97 |
| Summary, | 1,689 | 310,577.34 | 710 | 569 | 23 | 5 | 13 | ... | 122,871.85 |

2.—RETURN OF DISTRESS WARRANTS FOR RENT issued during the year 1922, (Ordinance No. 1 of 1883.)

| Number issued. | Sold to pay Claims. | Number withdrawn. | Aggregate Rent involved. | Aggregate Sum recovered on sales. |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 414 | 87 | 327 | \$44,640.70 | \$15,604.96 |

3.—APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

APPEALS COMMENCED.

APPEALS TRIED.

JUDGMENT.

| Number of Cases. | No. of Cases. | JUDGMENT. | | | |
|------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| | | Appellant. | Respondent. | Pending. | Withdrawn. |
| 2 | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | ... |

4.—ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

| Actions instituted. | Number heard. | Settled or withdrawn. | Pending. |
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| 6 | ... | 1 | 5 |

5.—COMPARATIVE RETURN of all SUMS COLLECTED in the REGISTRY of the SUPREME COURT, during the years 1921 and 1922, and paid into the TREASURY.

| | 1921. | 1922. |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| REGISTRAR.—Court Fees paid by Stamps, | \$36,316.61 | \$36,085.25 |
| OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR.—5% on amounts encashed and paid into the Treasury, | 1,206.83 | 2,045.88 |
| OFFICIAL TRUSTEE.—2% on amount of Trust on taking over up to \$10,000, above \$10,000 Commission 1%, and 2% on income, | 150.03 | 70.72 |
| BAILIFF'S FEES.—(Including what was hitherto described as Sheriff's Fees), | 1,107.00 | 966.00 |
| REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES, | 14,673.30 | 15,263.10 |
| FINES AND FORFEITURES, | 210.00 | 1,045.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS, | 518.70 | 528.61 |
| UNCLAIMED BALANCES OF INTESTATE ESTATES, | ... | ... |
| UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS IN BANKRUPTCY ESTATES, | ... | ... |
| REGISTRAR OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS, | ... | ... |
| POSSESSION FEES, | 4,648.50 | 4,444.00 |
| | <u>\$58,830.97</u> | <u>\$60,448.59</u> |

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6.—COMPANIES REGISTRATION, 1922.
(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. |
| 3 | ... | 23 | 29 | 53 | \$ 15,263.10 | \$ 88,277.69 | \$ 103,504.70 |

6A.—CHINESE LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS :—

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6B.—LIMITED PARTNERSHIP :—

Nil.

7.—OFFICIAL TRUSTS, 1922.

| Year. | Number of Trust Estates at the end of the year. | Aggregate Amount of Trust Estates. | Commission received during the year. | Remarks. |
|-------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1921, | 18 | \$ 85,643.58 | \$ 150.03 | } 1 Trust Estate was wound up. No New Trust Estate opened. No Trust wound up. No New Trust opened. |
| 1922, | 18 | 16,534.94 | 70.72 | |

8.—PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION, 1922.

(Ordinance No. 2 of 1897.)

| Number of Grants. | | | Amount sworn under. | Probate & Estate Duties. † | 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. |
| 113 | 118 | ... | \$ 11,970.400 | \$ 709,614.85 | \$ 12,296.00 | 94 | \$ 88,389.83 | \$ 2,045.88 | 23 | \$ 33,441.89 |

* Including grants to Official Administrator.

† Excluding Interest and additional Probate Duty paid.

9.—RETURN OF BANKRUPTCIES, 1922.

(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. † |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Creditors'. | Debtors'. | On Creditors' Petition. | On Debtors' Petition. | | Dismissed. | Withdrawn. | Consolidated. | Held over. | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 2 | 5 | 4 | ... | 2 | 4 | ... | ... | 1 | 5 | ... | 4 | ... | \$ 10,072.18 | \$ 62,449.70 |

* In cases where a receiving order was made and was not rescinded. (In some cases no Statement of Affairs was filed and the Estimated Assets and Liabilities are not known). In one case A.R.O. was made but the statement of affairs is not yet filed by the debtor.

Four receiving orders rescinded.

Total Fees paid in stamps \$834.45 and Official Receiver's Commission paid to Treasury \$3,107.17.