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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report of the Registrar General, with Returns annexed for the Year 1866, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th March, 1867.

No. 14.

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 22nd February, 1867.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward you the Census Returns for 1866, and the Statistics required for the Colonial Blue Book, as called for in your letter No. 712 of 31st December last.

The Returns shew an estimated decrease of 10,406 in the Population of the Colony compared with those for 1865.

Considerable care has been taken in compiling the different Schedules and I have fair reason for believing that the Returns in their entirety exhibit a more accurate account of the Census of Hongkong, than those hitherto presented.

Free use has been made of the experience gained by this Office in former years, and the plan as submitted in my Report of 3rd December last was fully carried out.

The Mercantile crises which during the past year have affected more or less the trade of all civilized countries have left a clear and well defined mark on the trade of the Native Merchants of Hongkong.

It has been a year of most unusual depression in business.

On examining the accounts of tradal transactions, which in ordinary course takes place at the close of the Chinese New Year, it is found that the largest amount of profit made by a single Hong did not exceed \$15,000, and that those who made anything at all were very few in number.

The Rice dealers compute their losses at Four Hundred Thousand Dollars, and those who deal in general merchandize, while unable to find out what their deficiencies may be in the bulk, yet put forward one instance of a Hong in ordinary business losing \$130,000 and many others whose losses were over \$10,000.

And as these Hongs have thus failed to make money, a conclusion may naturally be drawn that the smaller shopkeepers have felt most severely the ill-success of the larger dealers.

This state of affairs combined with an ill-defined feeling of fear as to the scope and effect of the fresh legislation introduced by His Excellency Sir R. G. MACDONNELL, caused numerous families to leave for their own villages from whence they could contemplate, without experiencing, the good or (what was expected) bad results of the operation of the new Ordinances. These people had nothing to keep them in Hongkong and saw nothing but advantage in leaving it at least for a time.

However, that they did not go away in great numbers is shewn by the Returns, for the last quarter of 1866 of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steam-Boat Company, which by the courtesy of the Agents I have had the opportunity of examining.

It is there seen that by the Canton and Macao routes very nearly as many persons arrived in the Colony as left. Of course other outlets have been availed of, but had there been a great exodus there can be little doubt but that the Steamers of the Company referred to would have afforded the means of departure.

With respect to the class of persons who have gone away, I do not consider that they formed a very large portion of those whom the Colony would be interested in retaining. A wholesome fear of the new Ordinances inspired many, and their departure from Hongkong has been to our advantage.

The Boat population is slightly larger than that for 1865, though there is this marked difference. In former years the Harbor of Victoria contained by far the larger share, while the Returns for 1866 shew that the Villages claim very nearly half of the total Boat population. And as the number of Steamers, frequenting the Harbor, increases, we may naturally expect that the number of native craft will decrease, for the one cannot stand competition with the other, and the necessity for the smaller Boats will also by degrees become less and less.

Considering all the circumstances connected with Trade and other results of the past year I think that the Returns on the whole present as favorable an appearance as could be expected, and though the Population was less on December last year than when the Census was taken in 1865, yet there are now unmistakeable signs of a daily increase.—I have the honor to be,
Sir, Your most obedient Servant,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Registrar General.

The Honorable, W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 1.—CENSUS OF HONGKONG, 31st December, 1866.

	No. OF HOUSES.	No. OF BOATS.	POPULATION.				TOTAL.
			Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	
Europeans and Americans,	1,220	458	290	215	2,113
Goa, Manila, Indian, and others of mixed blood,	954	150	75	52	1,231
Aliens chiefly Seamen and Temporary Residents,	200	..	..	..	200
Chinese in employ of Europeans, &c.,	5,782	521	179	176	6,658
Chinese residing in Victoria,	44,110	12,252	4,627	4,617	65,606
Chinese residing in Villages and Kowloong,	5,903	1,982	1,093	640	9,618
Boat population in Victoria,	7,287	2,772	2,448	1,348	13,855
Boat population other than Victoria,	6,585	2,855	2,244	1,415	13,099
Vagrants,	2,000	2,000
Prisoners,	712	6	718
	6,773	3,445	74,753	20,996	10,886	8,463	115,098

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Registrar General's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 22nd February, 1867.

No. 2.—RETURN OF POPULATION OF HONGKONG, 31st December, 1866.

	WHITE.		COLORED.		TOTAL.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
VICTORIA DISTRICT,	1,440	673	1,029	202	2,469	875
Chinese in employ of Europeans, &c.	5,961	697	5,961	697
Chinese residing in Victoria,	48,737	16,869	48,737	16,869
<i>Sub-Districts,—</i>						
Show-ke-wan,	1,968	803	..	..
Shaiwan,	112	74	..	..
Shek-o,	129	106	..	..
Ty-tam-tuk,	38	33	..	..
Stanley,	741	380	..	..
Aberdeen,	1,099	221	..	..
Heong-kong,	162	119	..	..
Pok-fu-lum,	38	40	..	..
Kow-loong,	2,578	840	..	..
Belcher's Bay,	131	6	..	..
					6,996	2,622
Boat population,	18,564	8,390	18,564	8,390
Temporary residents,	260	..
Vagrants,	2,000	..
Prisoners,	712	6
					85,639	29,459

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Table 3.—CLASSIFICATION and NUMBER of PUBLIC and PRIVATE BUILDINGS in the COLONY of HONGKONG, 1866.

	VICTORIA.	VILLAGES.	TOTAL.
Public Offices, Barracks, Guard Rooms, Police Stations and other Public Buildings, } exclusive of Military Buildings,	99	30	129
Churches, Chapels, and Places of Worship,	9	3	12
Government Schools,	10	3	13
Mosques, and Chinese Temples,	11	17	28
Houses and other Buildings assessed at and above £100 per annum value, occupied, ...	758	8	766
Shops and Private Dwellings below the value of £100 per annum, occupied,	3,995	1,297	5,292
Houses untenanted and unfinished,	457	76	533
	5,339	1,434	6,773

TRADES &c. OF CHINESE.

	VICTORIA.	VILLAGES.	TOTAL.		VICTORIA.	VILLAGES.	TOTAL.
Bakers,	20	..	20	Lantern Sellers,	3	..	3
Bamboo Workers,	34	5	39	Lead Case Makers,	2	..	2
Bamboo House Makers, ..	7	2	9	Lime Dealers,	2	3	5
Barbers,	84	42	126	Mat Makers,	10	..	10
Bathing House Keepers, ..	3	..	3	Mat Shed Makers,	4	6	10
Bean Curd Sellers,	13	7	20	Money Changers,	25	..	25
Blacksmiths,	64	27	91	Milkmen,	18	1	19
Bird Sellers,	4	..	4	Oar Dealers,	11	14	25
Boat Builders,	17	64	81	Old Iron & Rag Dealers, ..	34	3	37
Brokers,	16	..	16	Old Clothes Dealers, ..	12	..	12
Bookbinders,	12	..	12	Oil Sellers,	14	..	14
Brothel Keepers,	127	7	134	Opium Sellers,	71	6	77
Brick and Tile Dealers, ..	37	..	37	Painters,	27	..	27
Carpenters,	143	17	160	Paint Sellers,	9	..	9
Chandlers,	275	139	414	Pawnbrokers,	23	..	23
Charcoal and Firewood } Sellers,	53	1	54	Peppermint Oil Sellers, ..	4	..	4
Caulkers,	7	..	7	Pewterers,	4	..	4
Confectioners,	17	12	29	Photographers,	4	..	4
Cattle and Pig Dealers, ..	25	1	26	Portrait & Landscape } Painters,	7	..	7
Clothiers,	63	15	78	Picture Frame Makers, ..	4	..	4
Coopers,	12	9	21	Priests,	11	16	27
Coolie House Keepers, ..	107	36	143	Pilots,	2	..	2
Congee Sellers,	12	..	12	Poulterers,	40	..	40
Crockery and Earthen- } ware Dealers,	15	..	15	Rattan Ware Dealers, ..	22	..	22
Compradores,	42	1	43	Rattan Splitters,	5	..	5
Cook Shops,	13	..	13	Rope and Sail Makers, ..	13	18	31
Coal Dealers,	6	..	6	Rice Dealers,	101	13	114
Cotton Quilt Dealers, ..	18	1	19	Sedan Chairs to hire, ..	9	..	9
Coffin Dealers,	11	5	16	Sign Dealers,	4	..	4
Doctors and Druggists, ..	99	14	113	Sheep Dealers,	2	..	2
Dyers,	4	..	4	Shoemakers,	60	..	60
Eating House Keepers, ..	7	..	7	Shoe Sellers,	27	..	27
Family Houses,	1,178	408	1,586	Stone Cutters,	17	139	156
Farmers, .....	..	280	280	Stationers,	15	2	17
Fishermen, .....	..	126	126	Soy Sellers,	4	1	5
Fish Lans (Fresh,)	6	..	6	Schoolmasters,	31	..	31
Do. (Salt,)	48	15	63	Sweetmeat Dealers,	13	..	13
Flour Dealers,	8	..	8	Tanners,	6	..	6
Foreign Goods Dealers, ..	106	..	106	Tinmen,	17	..	17
Fortune Tellers,	4	..	4	Tailors,	90	10	100
Fruiterers,	68	11	79	Tea Sellers,	13	..	13
Gardeners and Flower } Sellers,	6	42	48	Timber Dealers,	26	1	27
Glaziers,	14	..	14	Theatre Keepers,	3	..	3
Gold and Silver Smiths, ..	31	12	43	Tobacconists,	17	3	20
Gold Beaters,	22	..	22	Umbrella Makers,	8	..	8
Grass Cutters, .....	..	120	120	Undertakers,	3	3	6
Gunsmiths,	7	..	7	Washermen,	61	..	61
Hemp Workers,	1	..	1	Watch Makers,	14	..	14
Hong Keepers,	304	..	304	Weight & Scale Makers, ..	6	..	6
Ivory Carvers,	2	..	2				
Joss, Joss Paper, and } Image Dealers,	23	11	34				

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Registrar General's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 22nd February, 1867.

No. 4.—ABSTRACT OF RETURNS furnished from each House occupied by CHINESE in the Colony of Hongkong stating Number of Persons resident therein, Mortality, &c.

	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	TOTAL OF EACH PLACE.	MORTALITY.		TOTAL MORTALITY OF CHINESE.	OCCUPATION.
						In the Colony.	Out of the Colony.		
City of Victoria,	44,110	12,252	4,627	4,617	65,606	506	..	73 7 92 109 281	Trade.
<i>Sub-Districts.</i>									
Show-ke-wan, <i>a</i> ,	1,642	598	326	205	2,771	46	..	Found exposed, 18	Fishing, Quarrying, Agriculture and a small amount of Trade.
Shai-wan,	64	52	48	22	186	3	..		
Shek-o, <i>b</i> ,	77	75	52	31	235	8	..		
Ty-tam-tuk,	32	23	6	10	71	5	..		
Stanley, <i>c</i> ,	635	288	106	92	1,121	23	..		
Aberdeen, <i>d</i> ,	1,010	172	89	49	1,320	40	..		
Heong-kong,	118	96	44	23	281	6	..		
Pok-fu-lum,	19	21	19	19	78	3	..		
Kowloong,	2,181	653	397	187	3,418	45	..		
Belcher's Bay,	125	4	6	2	137	3	..		
Total,	5,903	1,982	1,093	640	9,618	182
Grand Total,	50,013	14,234	5,720	5,257	75,224	688	864	1,851	..

a Show-ke-wan includes Hoong-heong-loo, Tsut-chee-mooy, Pak-shui-wan, Ngo-yan-wan, and Wong-kok-tsui.

b Shek-o includes Hok-tsui, and To-ti-wan.

c Stanley includes Ty-tam and Wong-ma-kok.

d Aberdeen includes Ap-li-chow.

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No. 5.—RETURN showing the MORTALITY amongst the CHINESE during the Year 1866.

	POPULATION OF EACH PLACE.	DIED IN THE COLONY.	DIED OUT OF THE COLONY.	TOTAL.
City of Victoria,	74,896	506	..	..
Dead Bodies found exposed and buried by the Police, . . . . .	..	109	..	..
Died in Gaol, Convict Hulk, and Civil Hospital, . . . . .	..	172	..	..
Total,	74,896	787	..	..
Show-ke-wan,	2,771	46	..	..
Shai-wan,	186	3	..	..
Shek-o,	235	8	..	..
Ty-tam-tuk,	71	5	..	..
Stanley,	1,121	23	..	..
Aberdeen,	1,320	40	..	..
Heong-kong,	281	6	..	..
Pok-fu-lum,	78	3	..	..
Kowloong,	3,418	45	..	..
Belcher's Bay,	137	3	..	..
Dead Bodies found in Villages and buried by the Police,	18
Estimated Mortality out of the Colony,	864	..
	9,618	200	864	1,851

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No. 3.—DETAILED RETURN of the NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of VESSELS anchored and plying in the HARBOR and BAYS of HONGKONG on the 31st December, 1866, specifying the Number of Persons on board.

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL.	VICTORIA.			ABERDEEN, &C.			SHOW-KE-WAN, &C.			STANLEY, &C.			TOTAL.					
	No. OF VESSELS.	ADULTS.		No. OF VESSELS.	ADULTS.		No. OF VESSELS.	ADULTS.		No. OF VESSELS.	ADULTS.		No. OF VESSELS.	ADULTS.				
		M.	W.		M.	W.		M.	W.		M.	W.		M.	W.			
	CHILDREN.		CHILDREN.		CHILDREN.		CHILDREN.		CHILDREN.		CHILDREN.		CHILDREN.					
B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.					
Junks,	81	1,145	45	47	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81	1,145	45	47	24
Trading Boats,	17	160	35	32	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	160	35	32	15
Wood Boats,	9	45	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	45	..	12	..
Passage Boats,	43	919	18	50	15	3	27	..	..	10	58	2	2	3	29	..	..	..
Salt Boats,	45	315	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	49	11	11	..
Lorchas,	1	7	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cargo Boats,	357	1,265	501	466	275	..	..	..	..	3	37	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fishing Boats,	101	393	212	195	148	148	1,438	408	415	222	1,268	464	377	254	1,813	434	386	222
Water Boats,	40	89	112	61	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stone Boats,	41	260	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	156	35	33	20	..	..	..	..
Hakow and Pullaway,	370	793	570	556	297	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sampans,	802	1,666	1,267	1,006	533	273	617	491	273	180	768	698	420	246	316	308	325	211
Bumboats,	30	165	6	16	6	..	..	..	..	7	9	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Boats,	13	65	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL,	1,950	7,287	2,772	2,448	1,348	424	2,082	899	688	682	2,296	1,203	834	521	2,207	753	722	433

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Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 22nd February, 1867.

No. 7.—*Summary of Return No. 6.*

NAMES OF HARBORS AND BAYS.	TOTAL NUMBER OF VESSELS AT EACH PLACE.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD.				TOTAL POPULA- TION AT EACH PLACE.
		ADULTS.		CHILDREN.		
		<i>Men.</i>	<i>Women.</i>	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	
Victoria,	1,950	7,287	2,772	2,448	1,348	13,855
Aberdeen and Ap-li-chow,	424	2,082	899	688	461	4,130
Show-ke-wan and Shai-wan,	682	2,296	1,203	834	521	4,854
Stanley and Shek-o,	389	2,207	753	722	433	4,115
	3,445	13,872	5,627	4,692	2,763	26,954

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Registrar General.

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No. 8.—*EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.*

CLASS OF SCHOOL.	NO. OF SCHOOLS.	NUMBER OF FOREIGN SCHOLARS.		NUMBER OF NATIVE SCHOLARS.	
		<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>
Government,	13	..	..	578	45
St. Paul's College,	1	..	..	33	..
Roman Catholic,	6	101	83	109	205
Roman Catholic Reformatory,	1	..	..	53	..
Diocesan Female Training,	1	..	12	..	16
London Mission,	2	..	..	70	..
Foundling Hospital,	1	..	..	1	47
Basel Mission,	1	..	..	..	36
Mosque Garden,*	2	2	3	3	18
Chinese, General,	18	..	..	306	..
Chinese, Private,	13	..	..	60	..
	TOTAL,	103	98	1,213	367

* Private Schools supported by voluntary contribution.

CECIL C. SMITH,
Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 22nd February, 1867.

No. 42.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Bank of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Hongkong, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th March, 1867.

Account of the average amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation, in Hongkong, for the month ending 28th February, 1867, rendered in accordance with the terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED,\$286,000.
SPECIE IN RESERVE,\$200,000.

JAS. BERWICK,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, 9th March, 1867.

I hereby certify that I this day inspected the Books and Treasure of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and found the necessary amount of Specie as required by the Royal Charter.

A. F. ALVES,
Accountant.

FRED. FORTH,
Colonial Treasurer.

Victoria, Hongkong, 13th March, 1867.