

[No. 90.]

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 14th October, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to make the following Report regarding the Births and Deaths which have been registered as having occurred in the Colony during the Quarter ending 30th September last.

Births.—A total of 473 Births have been recorded, 44 of which—in the proportion of 21 Boys to 23 Girls—occurred among the English or Foreign portion of the Community.

Among the Chinese, the Births were as follows:—

	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Victoria,.....	218	157	375
Shau-ki-Wán,.....	7	3	10
Stanley,.....	6	4	10
Aberdeen,.....	5	2	7
Kowloon,.....	19	8	27
Total,.....	255	174	429

Deaths.—The number of Deaths registered is, owing to the casualties which resulted from the late typhoon, far in excess of any returns yet issued and renders it impossible to draw any accurate conclusion as to the death rate of the Colony.

The total number registered during the Quarter amounts to 1574. Of these, 60 were among the English and Foreign Community, and were distributed among the following Nationalities:—

British,.....	14
Portuguese,.....	11
Indian,.....	5
Malay,.....	2

The remainder (28) were those of non-residents.

The Deaths among the Chinese were as follows:—

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Victoria,.....	631	421	1,052
Shau-ki-Wán,.....	88	53	141
Stanley,.....	5	4	9
Aberdeen,.....	52	19	71
Kowloon,.....	164	77	241
Total,.....	940	574	1,514

I may mention that among the English and Foreign Community 11 Deaths were the result of the typhoon, as far as can be ascertained, while from the same cause may be attributed 760 Deaths among the returns of the native Community.

There were, of course, many other Deaths owing to the typhoon which have been recorded in the Returns for the current Quarter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Registrar General.

The Honorable J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary,
HONGKONG.

No. 167.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders for the supply of provisions and other articles required for the use of Victoria Gaol, from 21st November, 1874, to the 20th November, 1875, inclusive, will be received at this Office until Noon of Tuesday, the 10th November.

All information required, and Blank Forms of Tender may be obtained on application to the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol.

Tenders to be addressed to the Colonial Secretary, and endorsed "Tender for Goal Contract, 1875."

No Tenders will be received, unless the Person tendering shall produce a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$200 as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if such Person shall refuse to carry out his Tender.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest, or any Tender.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd October, 1874.