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The following List of Meteorological Stations in the Far East in communication with the Hongkong Observatory in 1885, is published for general information.

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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th May, 1886.

## LIST OF METEOROLOGICAL STATIONS IN THE FAR EAST IN COMMUNICA-TION WITH THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY IN 1885.

The meteorological stations mentioned below belong to the Imperial Maritime Customs of China with the following exceptions:-

Bolinao.—Eastern Extension A. & C. Telegraph Company.

Manila.—Jesuit Fathers.

Haiphong.—French Government. Macao.—Portuguese Government.

Hongkong.—British Colonial Government. Nagasaki.—Japanese Government.

Yuensan.—Korean Government.

Fusan.—Korean Government.

Wladivostock.—Russian Government.

Stations marked T report only through telegraph except when otherwise mentioned. grams comprise readings of the barometer, attached, dry and damp thermometers, the direction and force (0-12) of the wind, the amount of rain, and the weather (Beaufort notation) at 10 a. and 4 p. From stations marked O observations made at other hours are occasionally received. Stations marked V have been visited by me.

Stations marked A began in the course of 1885 observations with instruments of uniform and approved construction including standard barometer, dry, damp, maximum, minimum, black bulb and grass minimum thermometers and rain-gauge. Those instruments were unpacked, verified and wooden screens constructed under my superintendence and they were distributed from the Custom House at Amoy, from which were issued also instructions for making and forms for entering the observations arranged by the Commissioner of Customs in accordance with my suggestions. The returns are received through and suggestions usually addressed to the Commissioner at Amoy. observations are made at 3 a, 6 a, 9 a, noon, 3 p, 6 p, 9 p and midnight except at the following stations, where observations are made only at the hours named:—

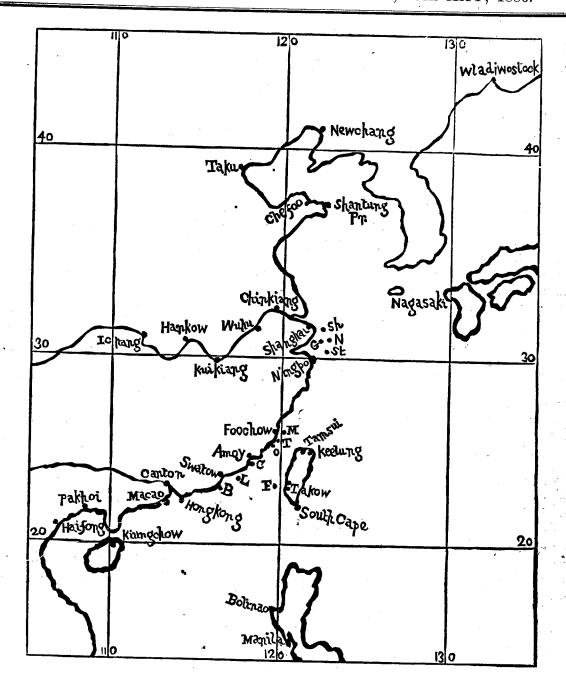
Pakhoi,	8 a, Noon, 4 p.
Kiungchow,	7 a, 10 a, 1 p, 4 p, 7 p.
Swatow,	3 a, 9 a, 3 p, 9 p.
Tamsui	
Keelung	
Anping.	6 a, 9 a, noon, 3 p, 6 p, 9 p.

Stations marked H began before the end of 1885 observations with instruments of approved construction, bought in Hongkong and verified here, the thermometers being exposed in screens also forwarded from here, similar to those in use at stations marked A. Similar instructions were issued to the observers by the Commissioner of Customs at Hankow, but he adopted a different form of entry and the hours are 10 a. 4 p. and 10 p. Stations marked S were in 1884 supplied with standard barometers, compared under the supervision of the Harbour Master at the Custom House in Shanghai. The hours are the same as at stations marked A.

In Takow observations are made at 9.30 a, noon and 3.30 p, in Ningpo at 4 a, 8 a, noon, 4 p, 8 p, and midnight. At Chinkiang, NE Shantung Promontory, SE Shantung Promontory, Chefoo, Howki, Taku and Newchwang observations are made at every three hours but the instruments are of inferior construction, exposed in various manners and the observations very much inferior to those marked A or H.

In Macao observations are made at 4 a, 10 a, 1 p, 4 p and 10 p. In Fusan and Yuensan observations are made at the same hours as at stations marked A or S.

In the accompanying woodcut B means Breaker Point; L Lamocks; C Chapel Island; F Fisher Island; O Ockseu; T Turnabout; M Middle Dog; Sh Shaweishan; G Gutzlaff; N North Saddle and St. Steep Island.



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The approximate latitudes (North) and the approximate longitudes (East of Greenwich) of the stations are as follows:—

Hongkong Observatory, 22nd April, 1886.

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