

There were in all 14 fires reported by the police and our own staff, only one of these spread over a large area, and that one was in an unplanted locality where nothing but grass was burnt, and where no fire barriers had been made.

Protective Service.

The Forest Guards have worked much better this year than they did in the previous one. Some changes in the men were made and the new ones are a decided improvement on their predecessors.

The number of cases brought to the Magistracy was 47, out of which 38 convictions were obtained. The fines imposed, which however were not paid in all cases, amounted to \$73.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

CHARLES FORD,
Superintendent.

Botanical and Afforestation Department.

The Honourable

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

&c., &c., &c.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 294.

It is hereby notified that the following additions have been made to the footnote of the Naval Cadet Regulations published in the *Hongkong Government Gazette* of the 16th March last, under Government Notification No. 115, viz.:—

June, 1890, A.D. 1066–1485.

November, 1890, A.D. 1485–1688.

June, 1891, A.D. 1688–1820.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th June, 1889.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 295.

Information has been received from the Military Authorities that Artillery Practice will take place from Lower Belcher's Battery, between the hours of 4 P.M. and 7 P.M., on the 1st proximo.

The line of fire will be in a North Westerly direction from the Battery.

All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th June, 1889.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 296.

The following Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th June, 1889.

NOTICE.

A special Sessions of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace will be held in the Justices' Room at the Magistracy at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of Monday, the 8th day of July, A.D. 1889, for the purpose of considering an application from C. F. W. PETERSON for permission to remove his business as a licensed Publican now carried on under the sign of the "German Tavern" at house No. 264, Queen's Road Central to his old premises at 268, Queen's Road Central which have been recently rebuilt.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Police Magistrate.

Magistracy, Hongkong, 26th June, 1889.