GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 17.

With reference to Government Notification No. 446 of 21st October, 1897, it is hereby notified that Her Majesty the Queen has graciously approved of the appointment of the Honourable Robert Daly Ormsby, Director of Public Works, to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th January, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 18.

The following Return is published in accordance with section 17 of Ordinance No. 18 of 1896.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th January, 1898.

Return of Samples examined under "The Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1896," for the quarter ended December 31, 1897.

Description.	Number of samples.	Number found genuine.	Number found adulterated.
Milk.	2 3	2	0
Whisky.		2	1

FRANK BROWNE, Acting Government Analyst.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 19.

The following Returns of the Average amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st December, 1897, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th January, 1898.

Banks.	Average Amount.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	2,998,367	1,500,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	5,947,463	2,500,000
National Bank of China, Limited,	448,614	205,000
Total,\$	9,394,444	4,205,000