

Laundry.—An application that the ground floor of No. 13 Hollywood Road be registered as a public laundry was considered.

The President moved—

That the premises be registered as requested.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Licences.—Sixty-eight applications for licences and renewal of licences to keep cattle, goats and swine were considered.

The President moved—

That the licences asked for be granted.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Small-pox.—A report by the Medical Officer of Health concerning the number of cases of Small-pox which have occurred in the Colony during the month of January was read.

The President addressed the Board and moved—

That a letter be addressed to the Colonial Secretary advising—

1. *That suitable premises be procured in Nos. 2 and 5 Health Districts in which to carry on free vaccination, and that two students from the Chinese College of Medicine capable of vaccinating properly be employed, temporarily, to carry out this free vaccination.*
2. *That the Registrar General be invited to issue suitable notices to the Chinese Community informing them of the stations where free vaccination is done, and urging them to avail themselves of the opportunity of protection from Small-pox by being vaccinated.*
3. *That a notice be inserted in the "Gazette" stating that Europeans can be vaccinated free at the Government Civil Hospital every day from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. o'clock.*

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned till Thursday, the 10th February, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 10th day of February, 1898.

HUGH MCCALLUM,
Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 63.

The following Criminal Statistics and Coroner's Returns for 1897 are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th February, 1898.

No. 2.

MAGISTRACY,
HONGKONG, 12th January, 1898.

SIR,—In compliance with Circular No. 10 of the 20th October, 1897, I have the honour to forward the usual returns of this department for the year 1897.

1. Abstract of cases during the year.
2. Comparative return of cases for the past ten years.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Police Magistrate.

The Honourable

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

ABSTRACT of CASES under COGNIZANCE of the POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURT during the Year 1897.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES.	Total Number of Prisoners.		CASES, HOW DISPOSED OF, AND THE NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE PRISONERS UNDER EACH HEAD.												WRITS ISSUED BY THE POLICE MAGISTRATES DURING THE YEAR 1897.					TOTAL NUMBER OF FIRE ENQUIRIES HELD DURING THE YEAR 1897.										
	M.	F.	Committed and Punished.	Discharged.	Committed for trial at the Supreme Court.	Committed to Prison, or detained pending Orders of H. E. the Governor.	To keep the Peace.	To be of good behaviour.	To appear when called upon.	Witnesses punished for preferring false Charge or giving willful false Testimony.	Undecided.	Total Number of Prisoners.	Summons for Defendants.	Summons for Witnesses.	Notices of Re-hearing.	Arrest.	Distress.	Search.	For Gambling Houses.		Mags- trates' Orders.	Total.								
11,185	10,237	548	1,481	151	73	12	1	...	95	56	85	32	2	2	25	4	79	4	12,079	807	2,172	83	6	130	1	1,465	147	...	4,004	10
												TOTAL MALES AND FEMALES, .....12,886																		

* Consisting of Offenders not sentenced to Imprisonment.

THE CASES CONSISTED OF:—

OFFENCES.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.	OFFENCES.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.
Arms Consolidation Ordinance 8 of 1895,—			<i>Brought forward,</i>	440	1,005
Ammunition—Being in possession of	6	13	Street Gambling,.....	85	113
Arms—Carrying or having possession of, without a license,	45	45	Watchmen to Street Gamblers—Acting as,	3	3
" —Dealers neglecting to keep Register of	4	4	Good Order and Cleanliness—Ordinance 14 of 1845,—		
" —Selling to unauthorised persons,	6	6	Animals—Cruelty to,	19	23
Banishment and Conditional Pardons Ordinance 8 of 1882,—			Bonfire—Making,	109	109
Banishment—Returning after	33	33	Breach of the Peace,	19	22
Building Ordinances 15 of 1889, 25 of 1891 and 7 of 1895,—			Cattle turned loose on public ways,.....	1	1
Blasting Stones to the danger of Persons & Property,	2	2	Dead Body, exposing in the public street,	2	3
Cutting earth, or turf, and extracting stones from Crown Land,	68	73	Disorderly behaviour,	614	1,131
Drain—Connecting, with the Government Main Sewer without obtaining a permit,	2	2	Dogs—Allowing unmuzzled ferocious, to be at large,	13	13
Ground Surface—Failing to concrete,	8	8	" —Inciting, to attack persons, &c.,	1	1
Hoardings and Scaffoldings—Neglecting to erect during repair of Buildings,	2	2	Domestic Servants—Misconduct as,	52	52
Matched Overcrowding,	1	1	Firearms—Discharging, to the danger of the Public,	3	3
Cattle Diseases Ordinance 17 of 1887,—			Furious driving,	56	82
Cattle—Landing at prohibited wharf, &c.,	5	5	Furnitures, &c.,—Removing to evade rent,	1	1
Infected areas - Removal of animal or articles from,	6	6	Horse—Riding on the footpath,	1	1
Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance 1 of 1889 amended by 25 of 1889,			Indecent exposure of person by bathing, or otherwise,	14	14
Decoying Men or Boys into or away from the Colony,	6	6	Nuisances—Allowing dirt and filth, &c., to remain exposed,	31	31
Passage Brokers—Neglecting to attend before Emigration Officer for the purpose of delivering contract tickets to Passengers,	1	1	Nuisances—Discharging sewage water and offensive matter into the public side channel,	3	3
Chinese Extradition Ordinance 26 of 1889,—			Nuisances—Hanging wet clothes, &c., over Public ways,	51	51
Chinese Territory—Crimes and Offences committed in,	2	3	Nuisances—Throwing rubbish, &c., into the Streets,	92	103
Closed Houses and Insanitary Dwellings Ordinance 15 of 1894,—			Obstruction of Roads and Streets by Hawkers, and Shopkeepers,	664	665
Basement floors—Inhabiting	9	9	Stones—Throwing to danger of the public,	1	1
Cocklofts and Mezzanine floors—Erecting, without permission from the Sanitary Board,	16	16	Streams—Defiling,	1	1
Cocklofts and Mezzanine floors—Neglecting to remove,	3	3	Unlawful possession of property,	320	364
Cubicles—Breach of Regulations for,	13	13	" " of trees, shrubs, &c.,	72	74
Ground Surface, &c.—Domestic buildings—Offence as to,	1	1	Vehicles—Unnecessary noise by,	3	3
Houses—Neglecting to cleanse and linewash,	4	4	Hongkong Fire Brigade Ordinance 4 of 1868,—		
Premises—Neglecting to keep in clean and wholesome condition,	2	2	Firemen—Misconduct as,	1	1
Coinage Offences—Ordinance 10 of 1865,—			Larceny and Other Similar Offences.—Ordinance 7 of 1865,—		
Counterfeit Coins—Uttering, or being in possession of,	7	7	Burglary,	2	7
Common Law,—			Embezzlement,	13	13
Bribery,	3	3	False pretences—Obtaining, or attempting to obtain goods or money by,	48	55
Champerty,	2	2	Felony—Attempting to commit,	3	3
Conspiracy to defraud,	2	3	" —Found in Dwelling house, &c., by night, with intent to commit,	17	18
Intimidating Witnesses,	1	1	Housebreaking,	19	19
Piracy,	1	2	Larceny—as a bailee,	1	1
Suicide—Attempting to commit,	17	17	" —by servants,	5	5
Prisoner—Escaping from lawful custody of Police,	1	1	" —Common,	977	1,073
Coroner's Abolition Ordinance 17 of 1888,—			" —from the person,	80	84
Juror—Neglecting to answer Coroner's Summons to attend Inquest,	1	1	" —from the person with violence,	1	3
Dangerous Goods Ordinances 8 of 1873 and 8 of 1892,—			" —from Ships or boats in the Harbour,	10	18
Dangerous Goods—Boat laden with, anchoring in prohibited place,	6	6	" —of fruit or vegetable productions in Garden,	4	4
Dangerous Goods—Boat conveying, without proper precaution,	9	9	Menaces—Demanding money by,	14	19
Dangerous Goods—Carrying, uncovered in boat,	4	4	Stolen goods—Receiving,	28	33
Dangerous Goods—Conveying or exposing for Sale, without attaching labels to cases or vessels containing the same,	16	16	Licensing Consolidation Ordinance 21 of 1887,—		
Dangerous Goods—Ships, &c. lying alongside Wharf or landing place to land or ship, for more than 15 minutes,	13	13	Hawking within the prescribed limits of Market,	335	335
Dangerous Goods—Ships, &c. neglecting to hoist a Red Flag when laden with,	8	10	" —Unlicensed,	689	690
Dangerous Goods—Storing, more than the quantity allowed by license,	3	3	Money Changer—Unlicensed,	1	1
Dangerous Goods—Selling without a licence,	1	1	Public Vehicles—Demanding more than legal fare,	19	22
Dangerous Goods—Unlicensed storing of,	4	4	" " —Carrying no lights between sunset and sunrise,	3	3
Dangerous Goods—Wharf—Unlawfully alongside of —while another ship was discharging,	1	1	" " —not keeping rule of the Road,	8	8
Dogs Ordinance 9 of 1893,—			" " —Obstruction of Streets by,	98	110
Dogs—Unlicensed keeping of,	11	11	" " —Refusing to accept hire when unemployed,	52	56
Exportation of Military Stores Ordinance 13 of 1862,—			" " —Refusing to pay fare of,	14	14
Exporting ammunition prohibited by Proclamation,	1	1	" " —Unlicensed, plying with,	153	160
Forgery—Ordinance 6 of 1865,—			" " —Using, for conveyance of merchandise, or dead bodies or persons suffering from infectious diseases,	17	17
Forged instruments—Obtaining goods or money by,	4	4	" " —Unlicensed drivers or bearers of—Plying for hire,	59	59
" document—Uttering, with intent to defraud,	2	3	Magistrate's Ordinances 7 and 10 of 1890,—		
Document—Forging, with intent to defraud,	3	5	Disorderly behaviour while drunk,	194	194
Forts Protection Ordinance 10 of 1891,—			Drunkenness,	122	123
Battery, Fieldwork, or Fortification—Entering, without a written permit,	1	1	False Charge,—Preferring—or wilfully giving false evidence,	30	30
Fugitive Offenders Act 1881,—			Insulting expression—Using, or behaving in an insulting manner before Magistrate,	2	2
Offences under,	1	1	Recognizances—Breach of,	44	44
Gambling Ordinance 7 of 1891,—			Falsification of accounts, &c. with intent to defraud,	1	1
Common Gaming House—Keeping, or playing in,	67	612	Malicious injuries to property—Ordinance 8 of 1865,—		
Lotteries—Dealing in,	5	5	Arson,	5	5
			Injuries to property,	19	21
			Injuries to trees or vegetable productions in Garden,	81	81
			Markets Ordinances 17 of 1887 and 23 of 1890,—		
			Articles of food for man—Exposing for Sale, in a place other than a Public Market,	244	244
			Fish, &c.,—Selling in Markets, not being holders of stalls,	28	28
			Market—Nuisances in,	5	5
<i>Carried forward,</i>	440	1,005	<i>Carried forward,</i>	6,117	7,482

CASES,—Continued.

OFFENCES.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.	OFFENCES.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.
<i>Brought forward</i>	6,117	7,482	<i>Brought forward</i>	7,853	9,507
Markets Ordinances 17 of 1887 and 23 of 1890,— <i>Contd.</i>			Offences against the person,— <i>Continued.</i>		
Market—Obstructing the Avenue of,	14	14	Workman, &c.—Intimidating,	5	9
" —Sleeping in,	7	7	Opium Ordinance as amended by 4 of 1894,—		
Sign-board—Failing to have,—in front of lan,	1	1	Opium found on board of any ship. Not on the		
Unwholesome provisions—Exposing for Sale, or			Manifest,	1	1
bringing into the Colony,	7	7	Opium Ordinance. (Prepared) 21 of 1891,—		
Merchandise Marks Ordinance 15 of 1890,—			Prepared Opium—Being in possession of, without		
Breach of,	1	3	having valid certificates,	1,486	1,486
Merchant Shipping Act, 1894,—			Opium Ordinance 22 of 1887 and 22 of 1891,—		
Seamen—Disobeying lawful orders of Masters in			Breach of (Raw),	10	12
British Ships,	10	10	Pawnbrokers Ordinance 3 of 1860,—		
Seamen—Neglect or refusal of duty by, in British			Licence—Breach of, by taking in pawn in prohibited		
Ships,	7	7	hours,	4	4
Surreptitious passage—Obtaining,	6	6	Peace and Quiet Ordinance 17 of 1844,—		
Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance 26 of 1891,—			Breach of,	10	11
Boarding Ships without permission,	35	36	Police Force Consolidation Ordinance, 14 of 1887,—		
Boats—Beating drums or gongs during prohibited			Police Constables—Misconduct as,	4	4
hours,	2	2	Police Force Regulation, Ordinance 9 of 1862,—		
Boats—Concealing the number of,	2	2	Police Constables—Assault on, in execution of duty....	21	26
" —Making fast to ship under way,	29	29	" —Obstructing, or resisting, in the		
" —Mooring within the limits of Men-of-War			discharge of their duties,	7	10
anchorage,	1	1	" —Being in possession of Police		
" —Mooring in shore between the hours of 9			appointments, not being a		
o'clock at night and gun-fire in the			member thereof,	1	1
morning,	70	70	Post Office Ordinance, 1 of 1887,—		
" —Mooring, unlawfully within the Typhoon			Regulation of transmission of Chinese Correspond-		
Refuge,	7	7	ence Breach of,	10	10
" —Plying between this Colony and places out			Forged Stamps—Using,	1	2
of Colony not having a licence from Har-			Praya Reclamation Ordinance 16 of 1889,—		
bour Master,	3	3	Boats, &c.—Unlawfully entering Reclamation Area,...	38	38
" —Refusing to accept hire,	2	2	Prison Ordinance 18 of 1885,—		
" " to show licences to Police,	8	8	Prisoner—Escaping or attempting to escape from		
" " to stop or go alongside Wharf when			Victoria Gaol,	1	1
called upon by Police,	6	6	Prisoner—Aiding and abetting,—to escape,	2	2
" &c.—Unlicens'd,	134	136	Private Vehicle Ordinance 13 of 1895,—		
Boat Licences—Breach of conditions of,	3	3	Private Vehicles—Not keeping rule of the Road,	7	7
Cargo-boat—Licence, breach of conditions of,	3	3	" —Unlicensed,	13	13
Fairways—Obstructing,	39	40	Public Buildings, Gardens, &c.—Regulations for main-		
Goods unlawfully obtained—Throwing into water, ...	4	7	tenance of good order and preservation of property		
Junk—Anchoring in prohibited place,	5	5	in Ordinance 8 of 1870,—		
Nuisances in Harbour,	93	104	Public Gardens—Breach of Regulations for,	17	19
Quarantine Regulations—Breach of,	2	2	Wong Nei Chung Recreation Ground Regulations—		
Seamen—Absenting from duty, from British or			Breach of,	2	2
Foreign Ships,	16	16	Public Health Ordinances 24 of 1887 and 4 of 1895,—		
Seamen—Boarding House Unlicensed Keeping of, ...	1	1	Boats, &c.—Breaching on foreshore,	9	9
" —Remission of, from British or Foreign Ships, ...	12	12	Common Lodging Houses—Regulations—Breach of, ...	10	10
" —Deserting behind Ships after having signed			Common Lodging Houses—Unlicensed keeping of, ...	40	40
the Articles,	2	2	Drain, &c.—Leaving open and unprotected,	3	3
Ships, &c.—Anchorage or Harbour—Leaving without			Latrie Regulations—Breach of,	2	2
Clearance or during prohibited hours,	11	11	Laundries—Using, as sleeping rooms,	3	3
" —Explosive on board,—Neglecting to report			Laundries—Unregistered,	1	1
on arrival,	1	1	Night Soil or noxious waters—Carrying, during pro-		
" —Fireworks—Discharging,	1	1	hibited hours, or depositing in the Streets,	67	67
" —Gunpowder, possession of more than 15			Nuisances—Neglecting to abate, after notice served		
lbs. on,	1	1	by the Sanitary Board,	1	1
" —Lights—Neglecting to exhibit at night, ...	101	101	Offensive trade—Establishment, Breach of Bye-Laws		
" —Not having certificated Master,	1	1	made under,	4	4
" —Passengers—Carrying, in excess,	21	21	Overcrowding—in tenement house,	3	3
Steam Launch—Exhibiting side lights not fitted with			Pigs, &c.—Keeping, without license,	159	159
in board screens between sunset and sunrise,	1	1	Pigsties, &c.—Neglecting to clean,	13	13
Steam Whistles—Unnecessarily blowing,	6	6	Plague and other infectious diseases—Neglecting to		
Telegraph Cables—Anchoring within the limits of			report cases of,	9	9
area of,	2	2	Reformatory Ordinance 19 of 1886,—		
Wharves—Embarking passengers at prohibited,	6	6	Breach of,	1	1
" —Obstruction of, by boat people,	39	39	Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance 16 of		
Morphine Ordinance 13 of 1893,—			1896,—		
Breach of,	5	5	Dead Bodies—Unlawful removal of,	14	19
Naval Stores Ordinance 9 of 1875,—			Death—Failing to report,	2	2
Anchorage of Ships of War.—Dredging at,	40	40	" —Wilfully giving false information to Police &c.,	1	1
Nuisances—Ordinance 19 of 1872,—			Regulation of Chinese Burials, and Prevention of certain		
Chai Mui—Night noises by playing at the Game			Nuisances, Ordinance 12 of 1856,—		
known as,	48	48	Obeying calls of nature in the streets or in improper		
Rough dressing, &c. of granite in or near a Public			places,	143	143
place,	4	4	Roads and Streets—Injury to,	7	7
Street Cries by Hawkers,	171	171	Shrubs, Trees—Cutting or destroying,	2	2
Offences against the person. Ordinances 4 of 1865, and			Trespass on Crown Land,	86	89
9 of 1897.			Regulation of Chinese People, Ordinance 8 of 1858,—		
Assault—Causing grievous bodily harm,	1	3	Building—Occupying or erecting, on land not being		
" —Common,	690	943	under lease from the Crown,	14	16
" —Indecent,	4	4	Mendicancy,	21	21
" On Peace Officer,	1	1	Regulation of Chinese Ordinance 13 of 1888,—		
Person—Forcible taking or keeping of,	2	3	Bills—Posting, without permission from Registrar		
" —Unnatural Offence—Committing,	3	3	General,	3	4
Child Stealing,	11	17	Drums and Gongs—Night noises by beating, .	10	10
Cutting and wounding with intent to do grievous			Fireworks—Discharging, without permits,	342	342
bodily harm,	18	18	Lights or Passes—Chinese out at night, without,	149	149
Cutting and wounding with intent to commit murder,			River Steamers, Ordinance 16 of 1895,—		
Manslaughter,	3	4	Passage—Obtaining, or attempting to obtain, with-		
Murder,	5	11	out payment in River Steamers,	9	9
Rape,	1	1	Rogues and Vagabonds, 5th of Geo. IV Chapter 83, s. 4.—		
Stupefying drug, &c.—Administering,	5	5	Rogues and Vagabonds—As suspicious characters, ...	11	11
<i>Carried forward</i>	7,853	9,507	<i>Carried forward</i>	10,632	12,315

CASES,—Continued.

OFFENCES.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.	OFFENCES.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.
<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	10,632	12,315	<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	10,938	12,621
Rogues and Vagabonds,— <i>Continued</i> .			The Uniform Ordinance 10 of 1895,—		
Rogues and Vagabonds—Being in possession of house-breaking implements,.....	6	6	Military Uniform—Wearing,.....	4	4
Rogues and Vagabonds—Found in Dwelling house, &c. for unlawful purpose,.....	71	71	Vagrancy, Ordinances 12 of 1888 and 25 of 1897,—	10	10
Rogues and Vagabonds—Receiving monies &c. for Charitable Contributions under false pretences,.....	1	1	Vagrants,.....	129	130
Rogues and Vagabonds—Indecent exposure of person,.....	3	3	Waterworks. Ordinance 16 of 1890,—	1	1
Rogues and Vagabonds—Gambling in the Street,.....	1	1	Water Wasting,.....	1	1
Rogues and Vagabonds—Wandering abroad and lodging in the open air,.....	197	197	Water Works—Valve of—Wrongfully opening,.....	21	21
Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance 18 of 1896,—			Weights and Measures Ordinance 8 of 1885,—		
Breach of,.....	2	2	Breach of,.....		
Spirit Licences, Ordinance 21 of 1886,—			Wild Birds and Game, Ordinances 15 of 1885 and 4 of 1892,—		
Grocer's Licence—Refusing to show—to Police,.....	1	1	Birds and Game—Unlicensed taking of,.....	3	4
Intoxicating Liquors—Selling without license,.....	10	10	Women and Girls Protection Ordinances 11 of 1890, 6 of 1894, and 9 of 1897,—		
" —Adulteration of,.....	2	2	Decoying women or girls into or away from the Colony,.....	37	49
Public House—Intoxicating Liquor, Selling during prohibited hours in,.....	1	1	Detaining, harbouring, or receiving women or girls for the purpose of prostitution,.....	16	20
Public House—Permitting disorder in,.....	1	1	Disorderly House—Keeping a,.....	9	9
" —Refusing to produce—License of—to Police,.....	1	1	Indecent assault upon any female,.....	1	1
" —Sign—Production of Spirit License,.....	1	1	Letting out for hire women or girls for the purpose of prostitution and knowingly deriving profits therefrom,.....	2	2
Unlicensed Place—Drinking intoxicating liquor in,.....	3	3	Procurement of girls under 16 to have carnal connexion,.....	3	3
Stowaways Ordinance 7 of 1897,—			Purchasing, pledging, or selling women or girls for the purpose of prostitution,.....	11	11
Stowaways,.....	3	3			
The Tramways Ordinance 6 of 1883,—					
Breach of,.....	2	2			
<i>Carried forward</i> ,.....	10,938	12,621	TOTAL,.....	11,185	12,886

Magistracy, Hongkong, January, 1898.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Police Magistrate.

ABSTRACT of CASES brought under COGNIZANCE at the POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURT during a period of Ten Years, from 1st January, 1888, to 31st December, 1897, inclusive.

YEARS.	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES.	CASES, HOW DISPOSED OF, AND THE NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE PRISONERS UNDER EACH HEAD.															
		Convicted and Punished.		Discharged.		Committed for Trial at Supreme Court.		Committed to Prison or detained pending Orders of His Excellency the Governor.		Ordered to find Security.		Punished for Preferring False Charge or giving False Testimony.		Undecided.		Total Number of Defendants.	
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1888,.....	11,647	9,700	232	2,704	145	168	6	98	11	177	15	3	...	43	2	12,898	411
1889,.....	8,670	6,626	268	2,319	178	157	10	44	10	303	34	17	...	64	3	9,530	503
1890,.....	9,739	7,423	317	2,406	151	102	...	15	...	259	59	3	...	35	2	10,243	529
1891,.....	13,676	13,438	534	1,906	134	40	...	12	...	153	19	1	...	143	2	15,693	689
1892,.....	11,920	11,771	327	1,927	151	40	4	5	...	191	20	7	...	28	...	13,969	502
Total,.....	55,652	48,558	1,678	11,262	739	507	20	174	21	1,083	147	31	...	318	9	62,333	2,634
Average per } Year,..... }	11,130.4	9,791.6	335.6	2,252.4	151.8	101.4	4.0	34.8	4.2	216.6	29.4	6.2	...	63.6	1.8	12,466.6	526.8
1893,.....	10,727	10,049	306	1,532	75	102	2	7	1	242	36	17	...	23	...	11,972	420
1894,.....	10,447	9,465	302	1,716	95	63	2	5	...	255	23	10	1	16	...	11,530	423
1895,.....	17,016	15,058	725	2,345	196	51	3	...	...	232	77	12	...	199	...	17,897	1,001
1896,.....	17,767	16,659	797	1,371	203	62	21	1	1	232	72	28	5	115	1	18,468	1,100
1897,.....	11,185	10,237	548	1,481	151	73	12	1	...	183	88	25	4	79	4	12,079	807
Total,.....	67,142	61,468	2,678	8,445	720	351	40	14	2	1,144	296	92	10	432	5	71,946	3,751
Average per } Year,..... }	13,428.4	12,293.6	535.6	1,689.0	144.0	70.2	8.0	2.8	0.4	228.8	59.2	18.4	2.0	86.4	1.0	14,389.2	750.2
Grand Total } for the 10 } Years,..... }	122,794	110,426	4,356	19,707	1,479	858	60	188	23	2,227	443	123	10	750	14	134,279	6,385
Average per } Year,..... }	12,279.4	11,042.6	435.6	1,970.7	147.9	85.8	6.0	18.8	2.3	222.7	44.3	12.3	1.0	75.0	1.4	13,427.9	638.5

Magistracy, Hongkong, January, 1898.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Police Magistrate.

No. 2.

MAGISTRACY,
HONGKONG, 28th January, 1898.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith the usual Annual Returns for the year 1897 in connection with all cases of death brought to my notice during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Police Magistrate.

The Honourable
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

TABLE A.—RETURN OF ALL DEATHS REPORTED DURING THE YEAR 1897.

NATIONALITY.	FORMAL ENQUIRIES HELD.					BURIED WITHOUT FORMAL ENQUIRIES.					
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Sex not ascertainable.	Total.
Europeans and Americans, ...	11	...	...	...	11	4	2	1	...	...	7
Indians and Malays,.....	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	3
Japanese, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Chinese,	32	16	4	6	58	128	27	212	208	16	591
Total,.....	43	16	4	6	69	135	30	213	208	16	602
Total for 1896, ...	35	8	2	3	48	228	36	149	141	35	589

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TABLE B.—RETURN OF FORMAL ENQUIRIES DURING THE YEAR 1897.

FINDING.	Euro- peans.	Chinese.				Total.
		Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	
Accidental death,.....	...	10	1	1	...	12
Accidental death—Suffocated by a fall of earth,.....	...	1	...	...	...	1
Accidental drowning,	1	...	...	...	1
Accidentally drowned,	1	...	...	...	1
Cause of death—Fracture of the skull caused by a fall from a verandah whilst suffering from the effects of drink,	1	...	...	...	...	1
Cause of death—Pressure on the brain from hæmorrhage the result of a blow given by one Meelun, a seaman on board H. I. G. M. S. <i>Arcona</i> , with a stick,.....	1	...	...	...	...	1
Compound fracture of the skull occasioned by a fall while attempting to escape from the lawful arrest of the Police,.....	...	1	...	...	...	1
Death by burning occasioned by an accidental outbreak of fire in Houses Nos. 14 and 15, Fuk Tsun Heung,	2	...	2
Death by drowning caused by the subsidence of 360 feet of the Praya Reclamation wall. We attach no blame to anybody,	1	...	...	1
Death by opium poisoning, but how or by whom administered to the Deceased, there is no evidence before the Court to show,.....	1	...	...	1
Death from an overdose of opium,.....	1	...	...	1
Death from asphyxia,	3	...	...	...	3
Death from asphyxia caused by a wound inflicted on the neck of the deceased with some sharp instrument by some person supposed to be the husband of the deceased and with intent to murder,	1	...	...	1
Death from asphyxia caused by hanging, self-inflicted,	1	...	...	...	1
Death from heat apoplexy,.....	1	...	...	...	...	1
Death from injuries received from a blow from a drum weighing thirty-four pounds and falling a distance of thirty feet upon the head of the deceased,...	1	...	1
Death from intra-cranial hæmorrhage occasioned by a fall from the hatch of the main deck of the S.S. <i>Haimun</i> into the hold below,.....	...	1	...	...	...	1
Death from natural causes,.....	...	1	1	...	...	2
Death from phthisis,	1	...	...	...	1
Death from suffocation or fire upon the occasion of the destruction of House 64, Third Street by fire on the night of the 23rd November,.....	...	2	8	...	5	15
Death occasioned by injuries received from a fall in jumping over the verandah of the first floor of the Government Civil Hospital in which he was a patient while in a state of mental aberration,	1	...	...	...	1
<i>Carried forward,.....</i>	3	24	14	4	5	50

TABLE B.—RETURN OF FORMAL ENQUIRIES DURING THE YEAR 1897,—Continued.

FINDING.	Euro-peans.	Chinese.				Total.
		Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	
<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	3	24	14	4	5	50
Death occasioned by the falling of the buildings 248 and 250, Queen's Road West, through the collapse of the party wall, occasioning death by asphyxia in the case of Un Ming and death by shock through injuries received in the case of Lai Tai Sin, there being no sufficient evidence to show what was the immediate cause of the collapse of the party wall,.....	...	2	...	...	...	2
Death occurred from injuries received from an accidental explosion,.....	...	1	...	...	...	1
Death resulted from a bullet wound self-inflicted consequent upon mental distress in connection with money difficulties into which he had fallen with the Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Ltd., of which he had been the Superintendent since 1892,	1	...	...	...	...	1
Death resulting from injuries received through the collapse of the party wall dividing Houses 92 and 94, Hollywood Road,.....	...	...	...	...	1	1
Death resulting from the effects of a fall from the verandah of the Second floor of Wellington Barracks over which the deceased jumped while in an unsound state of mind,	1	...	...	...	...	1
Drowned by deceased's boat being run down by the Danish S.S. <i>Frejr</i> . Accident due to Deceased having put her helm down instead of up and so attempted to re-cross the bows of the steamer, .....	...	...	1	...	...	1
Found drowned,	3	...	...	...	...	3
Murdered by some person or persons unknown, .....	...	1	...	...	...	1
Suicide by cutting her throat whilst temporarily insane, .....	...	...	1	...	...	1
Suicide by drowning whilst temporarily insane,	1	...	...	...	...	1
Suicide by hanging,.....	...	2	...	...	...	2
Suicide by hanging whilst of unsound mind, .....	...	1	...	...	...	1
Suicide by shooting through the head whilst in a state of mental aberration, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
That deceased came to his death by the collapse of No. 35, East Street due to the shore having given way, .....	...	1	...	...	...	1
The Magistrate finds that the death of the deceased was occasioned by injuries received from a fall while engaged in working a piece of machinery on board H.M.S. <i>Undaunted</i> over the side of the ship, and that the fall was occasioned by the use of an old or worn out strand which gave in the hands of the deceased as he pulled at it,	1	1
Total,.....	11	32	16	4	6	69

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TABLE C.—RETURN OF BURIALS WITHOUT FORMAL ENQUIRIES DURING THE YEAR 1897.

Reason why no Formal Enquiry was held.	Chinese.				Europeans and Americans.			Indians and Malays.		Japanese.	Sex not ascertainable.	Total.	Found on Land.		Found in Harbour.	
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Men.	Women.				Man.	Known.	Un-known.	Known.	Un-known.
No suspicious circumstances, ...	102	19	170	168	4	2	1	1	1	1	...	469	70	290	20	89
No evidence and/or decomposed state of body,	5	2	41	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	102	...	55	...	47
<i>Post Mortem</i> satisfactory,	17	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	21	13	6	...	2
Suspected persons were tried for the murder of deceased, ...	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	...	...	...
Suspected persons were tried for causing the death of deceased,	2	1	5	3
Total,.....	128	27	212	208	4	2	1	2	1	1	16	602	93	351	20	138

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