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HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,
HONGKONG, 26th February, 1898.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward the Annual Report for this Department for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

- I. Number, Tonnage, Crews, and Cargoes of Vessels *entered*.
- II. Number, Tonnage, Crews, and Cargoes of Vessels *cleared*.
- III. Number, Tonnage, Crews, and Cargoes of Vessels *entered* at each Port.
- IV. Number, Tonnage, Crews and Cargoes of Vessels *cleared* at each Port.
- V. Number, Tonnage, and Crews of Vessels of each Nation *entered*.
- VI. Number, Tonnage, and Crews of Vessels of each Nation *cleared*.
- VII. Junks *entered* from China
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SHIPPING.

2. The total tonnage entering and clearing amounted to 15,938,174 tons, being a decrease compared with 1896, of 577,779 tons.

There were 38,713 arrivals of 7,968,606 tons, and 38,580 departures of 7,969,568 tons.

Of British ocean-going tonnage 2,439,074 tons entered and 2,444,971 tons cleared.

Of River Steamers 1,694,077 tons entered and 1,690,644 tons cleared, making a grand total of British tonnage of 4,133,151 entering and 4,135,615 clearing.

Of Foreign ocean-going tonnage 1,930,489 tons entered and 1,925,344 tons cleared.

Of Junks in Foreign trade 1,718,739 tons entered and 1,722,556 cleared.

Of Junks in Local trade 186,227 tons entered and 186,053 cleared.

British ocean-going tonnage therefore represented 30.7%.

River tonnage represented 21.2%.

Foreign ocean-going tonnage represented 24.2%.

Junk tonnage (Foreign trade) represented 21.6%.

Junk tonnage (Local trade) represented 2.3%.

3. 4,618 steamers, 356 sailing vessels and 28,989 junks in foreign trade entered during the year, giving a daily average of 93 vessels as against 94 in 1896. For European-constructed vessels the average daily entry would be 13.63 as against 12.81 in 1896, and of the steamers arriving, 68.25% were British.

4. A comparison between the years 1896-1897 is shown in the following Shipping Return:—

Comparative Shipping Return for the Years 1896 and 1897.

	1896.		1897.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.
British.....	6,454	8,758,294	6,783	8,268,766	329	...	...	489,528
Foreign,	2,898	3,575,102	3,161	3,855,833	263	280,731	...	...
Junks in Foreign Trade,	59,576	3,767,403	57,803	3,441,295	...	...	1,773	326,108
Total.....	68,928	16,100,799	67,747	15,565,894	592	280,731	1,773	815,636
Junks in Local Trade,	11,535	415,154	9,516	372,280	...	...	1,989	42,874
Grand Total...	80,463	16,515,953	77,293	15,938,174	592	280,731	3,762	858,510
NETT,...					...	...	3,170	577,779

5. The above statement shows an increase of 329 British ships and a decrease of 489,528 British tons. This numerical increase, together with a tonnage decrease, is to be attributed to the number of small vessels which, since the opening of the West River in June last, have been plying on that route, and increasing the number of entries and clearances under the heading of "River Steamers" without a proportionate increase of tonnage. British ocean-going steamers alone for the year show a decrease of 201 entries of 275,360 tons.

Sailing ships show a numerical increase for the year of 209 entries, but a tonnage increase of only 13,460 tons; under this heading are comprised the lorchas and lighters which were towed up the West River, and the remark above, applies in the case of these vessels also.

6. In the case of Foreign Shipping, that under the Japanese flag has been more than doubled, having increased from 146,315 tons to 299,658 tons. German shipping shows a decrease of 41,000 tons, the remainder, generally, show more or less substantial increases.

7. The actual number of ships of European construction—exclusive of River Steamers—which entered the port in 1897, was 593, being 320 British, and 273 Foreign. In the previous year the numbers were 325 British, and 254 Foreign.

STEAMERS.

Flag.	Ships.		No. of times entered.		Total Tonnage.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
British,	298	281	1,806	1,605	2,665,438	2,390,078
Belgian,	1	..	1	..	1,689	..
American,	3	4	14	21	37,445	37,886
Austrian,	7	10	24	27	59,314	66,594
Chinese,	21	14	211	198	247,981	255,619
Danish,	4	5	58	72	29,684	35,112
Dutch,	3	1	10	4	14,218	3,288
French,	18	19	120	144	165,680	169,547
German,	77	80	708	669	846,713	805,694
Hawaiian, .....	..	2	..	3	..	7,100
Italian,	2	3	11	13	16,079	18,913
Japanese,	25	51	80	152	146,315	299,658
Norwegian,	27	28	124	142	122,225	144,175
Russian,	4	4	4	5	11,587	14,585
Spanish,	4	3	4	4	8,139	2,166
Swedish,	1	1	10	12	9,890	11,868
Total,	495	506	3,185	3,071	4,382,397	4,262,283

SAILING VESSELS.

Flag.	Ships.		No. of times entered.		Total Tonnage.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
British,	27	39	31	240	35,536	48,996
American,	36	30	42	93	50,427	38,981
Danish, .....	..	1	..	1	..	586
French, .....	..	1	..	1	..	1,235
German,	10	9	13	13	10,609	12,961
Hawaiian,	2	1	2	1	2,497	1,156
Italian,	2	1	2	1	1,440	794
Norwegian,	5	..	6	..	3,305	..
Siamese,	1	2	1	3	656	1,621
Spanish,	1	1	3	2	900	600
Swedish, .....	..	1	..	1	..	350
Total,	84	86	100	356	105,370	107,280

8. The 320 British ships carried 2,264 British officers and 47 foreigners as follows:—

British,.....	2,264
Germans,.....	8
Americans,	20
Danes,	5
Swedes,	4
Austrian,	1
Portuguese,	2
Norwegians,.....	7
Total,.....	<u>2,311</u>

The proportion of Foreigners was therefore 2%, comprising 7 nationalities, an increase of .4%, with fewer British ships. In one case, that of the "Vale of Doon," arriving in August, from Cardiff, a German was in command.

9. The 273 Foreign ships carried 1,689 officers, of whom 193 were British, as follows:—

Japanese,.....	122
Chinese,	64
French,.....	7
Total,	<u>193</u>

The proportion of Britishers in foreign vessels was therefore 10.8%, distributed under three different heads, a decrease on 1896 of 1.2% with an increase of 19 foreign ships (or 7%) Chinese vessels carrying only about 3% as against nearly 6% last year.

Of the crews of the British vessels—

19.9%	were Britishers.
1.1%	,, other Europeans.
79.0%	,, Asiatics.

Of the crews of Foreign vessels —

2.0%	were Britishers.
28.3%	,, other Europeans.
69.7%	,, Asiatics.

10. Taking the total of entries and departures, the average crew for British ships was 53, of which 21% were Europeans, and for Foreign ships 45, (8% less than the British ships) of which 30.3% were Europeans.

TRADE.

11. The first half of 1897 shewed a decrease over the corresponding period of 1896 of 358,660 tons of rice imported. The second half-year did little to improve matters, and the year closed with a falling off of over 343,000 tons compared with the already diminished crop of 1896. To this decrease must in a great measure be again attributed the reduction in the figures relating to the British ocean-going vessels (this trade being chiefly carried in British bottoms), as well as in the junk trade which is a reflection of the "ocean-going" trade.

12. Most of the other imports reported, however, show an increase for the year, and the total decrease is reduced to 48,828 tons. We thus get a decrease of 135,112 tons of European constructed shipping, with a decrease import return of 48,828 tons of cargo.

13. Of exports, a decrease of 103,685 tons of European-constructed shipping, reported a decreased export of 476,423 tons of cargo.

14. The transit returns give an increase of 7,062 tons of cargo.

15. A review of the trade of the port for the year is obtained, as in 1896, by a classification of Returns I and II as follows:—

Class I. Vessels that trade to and from Europe and distant countries, such as—

Canada.
Cape of Good Hope.
Continent of Europe.
Great Britain.
Mauritius.
Sandwich Islands.
South America.
United States.

Class II. Vessels that trade to and from the less distant countries, such as—
 Australia and New Zealand.
 India and Straits Settlements.
 Japan.
 Java and Indian Archipelago.
 North and South Pacific.
 Russia in Asia.

Class III. Vessels that trade on the Coast of China and to and from adjacent countries, such as—
 North Borneo.
 Coast of China.
 Cochin-China.
 Formosa.
 Philippine Islands.
 Hainan and Gulf of Tonquin.
 Siam.

Class IV. River Steamers between Hongkong and Canton and Macao.

Class V. Junks in Foreign Trade.

16. Using this classification we find that the total import trade of 1897 was represented by 33,963 vessels aggregating 7,782,379 tons carrying 5,130,772 tons of cargo, of which 3,278,310 tons were discharged in Hongkong.

COUNTRY.	SHIPS.	TONS.	CARGO.	
			DISCHARGED.	IN TRANSIT.
CLASS I.				
Canada,	14	40,910	13,869	...
Continent of Europe,	120	291,515	115,302	278,546
Great Britain,	151	351,178	179,087	429,609
Mauritius,	9	10,173	7,310	500
Sandwich Islands,	2	2,117	630	...
South America,	2	1,785	...	...
United States,	120	259,380	160,368	70,690
	418	957,058	476,566	779,345
CLASS II.				
Australia and New Zealand,	55	80,145	55,040	13,744
India and Straits Settlements,	193	312,270	235,294	129,639
Japan,	405	740,938	638,959	305,130
Java and Indian Archipelago,	85	109,318	167,195	15,292
North and South Pacific,	3	725	738	...
Russia in Asia,	2	3,646	500	1,715
	743	1,247,042	1,097,726	465,520
CLASS III.				
North Borneo,	17	18,766	20,350	...
Coast of China,	1,421	1,438,690	122,922	538,165
Cochin-China,	145	156,322	224,987	22,598
Formosa,	101	71,534	25,453	...
Philippine Islands,	113	106,431	136,153	2,260
Hainan and Gulf of Tonquin,	318	221,084	275,301	41,114
Siam,	144	147,199	218,000	3,460
Macao,	7	5,437	...	...
	2,266	2,165,463	1,023,166	607,597
CLASS IV.				
River Steamers, Canton and Macao,	1,547	1,694,077	145,603	...
CLASS V.				
Junks in Foreign Trade,	28,989	1,718,739	535,249	...
TOTAL,	33,963	7,782,379	3,278,310	1,852,462

17. Similarly, the export trade of 1897 was represented by 33,784 vessels, aggregating 7,783,515 tons, carrying 2,777,323 tons of cargo, and shipping 445,999 tons of bunker coal.

COUNTRY.	SHIPS.	TONS.	CARGO.	
			SHIPPED.	BUNKER COAL.
CLASS I.				
Canada,	23	57,802	26,203	1,200
Cape of Good Hope,	2	2,408	1,150	...
Continent of Europe,	93	230,096	65,725	33,251
Great Britain,	87	233,065	51,660	3,610
Mauritius,	6	6,813	6,639	3,720
Sandwich Islands,	1	1,575	...	...
South America,.....	4	4,399	2,530	...
United States,	109	224,945	173,020	6,762
	325	761,103	326,927	48,543
CLASS II.				
Australia and New Zealand,	51	79,917	53,795	7,318
India and Straits Settlements,	178	311,150	275,835	57,988
Japan,	370	663,370	477,933	49,618
Java and Indian Archipelago,.....	27	36,848	11,400	7,880
North and South Pacific,	3	911	190	...
Russia in Asia,	8	10,175	3,750	925
	637	1,102,371	822,903	123,729
CLASS III.				
North Borneo,	17	18,275	3,400	4,730
Coast of China,.....	1,664	1,792,866	560,949	138,427
Cochin-China,	156	180,953	78,366	29,693
Formosa,	100	76,013	38,044	10,206
Philippine Islands,	109	111,487	42,065	16,691
Hainan and Gulf of Tonquin,.....	333	239,240	111,227	29,461
Siam,.....	77	84,554	27,340	20,737
Macao,	4	3,453	1,450	40
	2,460	2,506,841	862,841	249,985
CLASS IV.				
River Steamers, Canton and Macao,	1,548	1,690,644	90,544	23,742
CLASS V.				
Junks in Foreign Trade,	28,814	1,722,556	674,108	...
TOTAL,.....	33,784	7,783,515	2,777,323	445,999

18. From this we find that in 1897 the Import trade was stimulated from Europe and distant countries, (Class I), to the extent of 27 ships of 78,085 registered tons, carrying to and through the port, an increase of 90,388 tons of cargo.

19. In Class II, on the other hand, we find a decrease of 31 ships of 49,463 registered tons, but an increase of 12,534 tons of cargo. The decrease in ships was notably under the heading of "India and Straits Settlements," and the increase of cargo under "Australia," "Japan," and "Java".

20. Class III differed from either I or II showing an increase of 146 ships, with a decrease of 146,826 registered tons, and a decrease of 135,924 tons of cargo. The increase of ships was made up in the "China Coast," "Formosa," and "Hainan and Tonquin" routes, while the decrease of tonnage and cargo comes under "Cochin-China" and "Siam".

21. Turning next to Exports, we find under Class I an increase of 71 ships of 189,243 registered tons, with 35,256 tons of cargo.

22. In Class II, a decrease of 30 ships of 89,730 registered tons, but an increase of 276,751 tons of cargo, principally under "Australia," "Japan," and "Java".

23. In Class III an increase of 99 ships, a decrease of 212,863 registered tons, and an increase of 180,959 tons of cargo.

24. The result of this analysis is shortly summed up in the words "fuller ships," while the deficiency, where it occurs, is accounted for in the shortness of the Southern Rice Crop, or the divergence of the rice trade, probably to India, and the restrictions on trade with India which were the inevitable result of the Plague.

25. Looking a little further, and comparing with 1896, we find, with regard to the ocean-going ships, that there was an increase in the numbers of ships, and a decrease in the total tonnage, indicating smaller ships, together with this there was an increase in the total cargo carried, indicating fuller ships.

26. Smaller ships probably means lessened expenses, (dues, &c. being paid on Register tons), and fuller ships, increased earnings, and these two, taken together, point fairly conclusively to a good year for shipping, notwithstanding the lowness of freight at one period.

27. During the year, 9,944 vessels of European construction, aggregating 12,124,599 registered tons, carried 7,144,737 tons, made up as follows:—

Import cargo,	2,743,061
Export do.,	2,103,215
Transit do.,	1,852,462
Bunker Coal shipped,	445,999
Total,.....	<u>7,144,737</u>

28. The total number of tons carried was therefore 59% of the total registered tonnage, or 78% exclusive of River Steamers, and was apportioned as follows:—

Imports,—		
British Ships,	1,521,568	
Foreign do.,	1,221,493	
		2,743,061
Exports,—		
British Ships,	1,154,883	
Foreign do.,	948,332	
		2,103,215
Transit,—		
British Ships,	1,115,706	
Foreign do.,	736,756	
		1,852,462
Bunker Coal,—		
British Ships,	261,242	
Foreign do.,	184,757	
		445,999
Total,.....		<u>7,144,737</u>

29.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Trade of the Port of Hongkong for the Year 1897.

	Tons.							Passengers Carried.
	No. of Ships.	Dis-charged.	Shipped.	In Transit.	Bunker Coal Shipped.	Total.	Registered Tonnage.	
British, ...	3,688	1,374,965	a1,064,339	1,115,706	237,500	3,792,510	4,884,045	290,702
Foreign, ...	3,161	1,221,493	b948,332	736,756	184,757	3,091,338	3,855,833	130,554
River Steamers (British), ...	3,095	c146,603	90,544	...	23,712	260,889	3,384,721	988,046
Total, ...	9,944	d2,743,061	e2,103,215	1,852,462	445,999	7,144,737	12,124,599	1,409,302
Junks in Foreign Trade, ...	57,863	f535,249	g674,108	...	...	1,209,357	3,441,295	237,718
Total, ...	67,747	3,278,310	2,777,323	1,852,462	445,999	8,354,094	15,565,894	1,647,020
Junks in Local Trade, ...	9,546	h136,418	10,212	...	...	146,630	372,280	4,996
Grand Total, ...	77,293	3,414,728	2,787,535	1,852,462	445,999	8,500,724	15,938,174	1,652,016

a Kerosine, 21,720 tons and 19 cases.

b Kerosine, 29,876 " and 20 " 8,870 " Bulk.

Total, ... 38,746

c Tea, 4,577 tons.

e Kerosine, 51,598 tons and 11 cases. 8,870 Bulk.

Total, ... 60,468

d Tea, 4,577 tons.

f Includes Tea, 2,787 tons; Vegetable Oil, 1,761 tons; Rice, 39,301 tons.

g Includes Kerosine, 21,253 tons and 3 cases; Rice and Paddy, 209,197 tons.

h 132,090 tons of Earth and Stones.

30.

IMPORTS.

EUROPEAN-CONSTRUCTED VESSELS.

	1896.		1897.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Steamers,	3,185	4,382,397	3,071	4,262,283	...	...	114	120,114
River Steamers,	1,393	1,680,985	1,547	1,694,077	154	13,092	...	...
Sailing Vessels,	100	105,370	356	107,280	256	1,910	...	...
Total,	4,678	6,168,752	4,974	6,063,640	410	15,002	114	120,114
Nett,					296	...	...	105,112
Imported tons,	2,791,889		2,743,061		48,828			

As follows:—

Articles.	1896.	1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
Beans,	250	...	...	250
Bones,	3,660	...	...	3,660
Coal,	539,721	601,544	61,823	...
Cotton Yarn and Cotton,	11,090	30,581	19,491	...
Flour,	85,021	85,904	883	...
Hemp,	32,790	43,360	10,570	...
Kerosine (bulk),	41,758	47,782	6,024	...
Do. (1,235,612 cases),	44,129	{ (1,689,688 cases) } 60,346	16,217	...
Lead,	915	5,496	4,581	...
Opium,	2,299	2,531	232	...
Pitch, .....	...	1,700	1,700	...
Rattan,	3,140	2,920	...	220
Rice,	704,530	361,130	...	343,400
Sandalwood,	3,707	3,459	...	248
Sulphur,	220	2,040	1,820	...
Sugar,	186,759	211,777	25,018	...
Tea,	5,447	5,929	482	...
Timber,	49,363	64,862	15,499	...
General,	1,077,090	1,211,700	134,610	...
Total,	2,791,889	2,743,061	298,950	347,778
Transit,	1,845,400	1,852,462	7,062	...
Grand Total,	4,637,289	4,595,523	306,012	347,778
		Nett, .....	...	41,766

31.

EXPORTS.

	1896.		1897.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Steamers,	3,186	4,382,211	3,067	4,263,453	...	...	119	118,758
River Steamers,	1,392	1,680,979	1,548	1,690,644	156	9,665	...	...
Sailing Vessels,	96	101,454	355	106,862	259	5,408	...	...
Total,	4,674	6,164,644	4,970	6,060,959	415	15,073	119	118,758
			Nett,		296	...	...	103,685
Exported tons,		1,626,792		2,103,215		476,423		
	Strs.	Bunker Coal.	Strs.	Bunker Coal.	Strs.	Bunker Coal.	Strs.	Bunker Coal.
Steamers,	3,186	391,976	3,067	422,257	...	30,281	119	...
River Steamers,	1,392	21,420	1,548	23,742	156	2,322	...	...
Total,	4,578	413,396	4,615	445,999	156	32,603	119	...
			Nett,		37	32,603	...	...

RIVER TRADE.

Imports, Exports and Passengers.

Year.	Imports.	Exports.	Passengers.
1896,.....	154,367	107,087	897,843
1897,.....	146,603	90,544	988,046

32.

IMPORTS.

Junks.

Foreign trade, 28,989	measuring	1,718,739	tons.
Local trade, 4,750	„	186,227	„
Total,.....33,739	„	1,904,966	„

Imported 671,667 tons as under:--

Tea,	2,787	tons.
Oil,	1,761	„
Rice,	39,301	„
Earth and Stones,.....	132,099	„
General,.....	495,719	„
Total,.....	671,667	„

EXPORTS.

Junks.

Foreign trade, 28,814	measuring	1,722,556	tons.
Local trade, 4,796	„	186,053	„
Total,.....33,610	„	1,908,609	„

Exported 684,320 tons as under:—

Kerosine,	21,253	tons.
Rice and Paddy,.....	209,197	„
Earth and Stones,.....	—	„
General,	453,870	„
Total,.....	684,320	„

33. European-constructed vessels imported 639,846 tons in excess of exports; junks exported an excess of 138,859 tons. The excess of imports is thus reduced to 500,987 tons, from this must be deducted 445,999 tons of bunker coal, exclusive of coal shipped by men-of-war, leaving a balance of 54,988 tons consumed, manufactured, in stock in the Colony, or unaccounted for.

34. Plague and famine in India affected trade from thence, and probably deflected the Siamese rice trade, short though it was, from this Colony.

35. The River Steamers, aggregating 3,384,721 tons, inwards and outwards, imported 146,603 tons of cargo, exported 90,544 tons, shipped 23,742 tons of bunker coal, and conveyed 988,046 passengers.

36.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

	<i>Arrivals.</i>	<i>Departures.</i>
British ships,.....	139,893	150,809 including Emigrants.
Foreign ships,.....	66,679	63,575 „ „
River Steamers,.....	505,080	482,966
Launches (outside waters of the } Colony),	88,102	91,415
Junks (Foreign Trade),.....	114,263	123,455
	<u>914,017</u>	<u>912,220</u>

Excess of arrivals over departures (Foreign Trade),..... 1,797

	<i>Arrivals.</i>	<i>Departures.</i>
Junks, Local Trade,	3,203	1,793
Launches, ,,	2,349,583	2,321,003
	<u>2,352,786</u>	<u>2,322,796</u>

Excess of arrivals over departures (Local Trade),29,990

Difference—Excess of arrivals,31,787

37. PROPORTION OF CARGO TO REGISTER TONNAGE FOR 5 YEARS, 1893–1897.

OCEAN-GOING VESSELS.

Year.	British.		Foreign.		Imports.		Exports.		Transit.		Coal.		Total.	
	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.	British.	Foreign.	British.	Foreign.	British.	Foreign.	British.	Foreign.	British.	Foreign.
1893,	3,400	4,517,089	2,602	2,803,664	36.9	37.4	18.8	22.6	19.0	16.9	5.2	5.3	79.9	82.8
1894, Plague,	3,293	4,503,069	2,430	2,690,786	37.3	35.1	20.1	22.1	20.8	19.9	4.3	5.1	82.5	82.2
1895,	3,639	5,273,547	2,463	2,935,949	34.5	32.0	18.8	19.0	21.9	15.9	4.2	4.9	79.4	71.8
1896,	3,666	5,396,330	2,898	3,575,102	29.7	28.8	16.0	18.0	23.3	16.3	4.3	4.5	73.3	67.6
1897,	3,688	4,884,045	3,161	3,855,833	28.1	31.7	21.8	24.6	22.8	19.1	4.9	4.8	77.7	80.2
Mean,...	3,537	4,914,816	2,711	3,172,267	33.1	33.0	19.1	21.3	21.6	17.6	4.6	4.9	78.5	76.8

RIVER STEAMERS.

Year.	Ships.	Tonnage.	Imports.	Exports.	Coal.	Total.
1893,.....	2,756	3,215,106	4.41	3.99	.63	9.03
1894, Plague,.....	2,729	3,275,327	3.68	2.86	.61	7.15
1895,.....	2,987	3,316,090	4.04	3.37	.66	8.07
1896,.....	2,785	3,361,964	4.59	3.18	.63	8.40
1897,.....	3,095	3,384,721	4.33	2.67	.70	7.70
Mean,.....	2,870	3,310,642	4.21	3.21	.65	8.07

JUNKS IN FOREIGN TRADE.

Year.	No.	Tonnage.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
1893,.....	47,197	3,488,007	10.9	24.2	35.1
1894, Plague,.....	45,861	3,482,124	12.8	23.5	36.3
1895,.....	53,027	3,683,700	12.6	27.5	40.1
1896,.....	59,576	3,767,403	13.3	27.0	40.3
1897,.....	57,803	3,441,295	15.5	19.6	35.1
Mean,.....	52,693	3,572,506	13.0	24.4	37.4

JUNKS IN LOCAL TRADE.

Year.	No.	Tonnage.	Discharged.	Shipped.	Total.
1893,	9,886	325,256	32.0	4.2	36.2
1894, Plague.. ..	8,478	297,364	30.5	3.2	33.7
1895,	11,645	422,827	29.8	6.1	35.9
1896,	11,535	415,151	31.8	3.4	35.2
1897,	9,546	372,280	36.6	2.7	39.4
Mean,.....	10,218	366,576	32.1	3.9	36.1

Ocean-going Vessels.

38. The preceding tables show the annual percentages of cargoes per registered ton, for the five years during which returns have been collected in this Department. The mean for this period gives for British shipping 78.5%, for foreign shipping 76.8%. The best year for carrying for British shipping was 1894, viz., 82.5% (the Plague year when quarantine requirements on leaving the Colony caused many vessels to forego calling). Both 1893 and 1894 were good years for foreign vessels, they carried 82.2% each year. The gradual decrease of the total percentages after 1894, appears to show that the carriage offering is in excess of cargo requirements. There has been a marked rise in 1897 in the total percentages. In the case of British shipping this is due to a decline in tonnage (lower than both 1895 or 1896); with foreign shipping the case is different, coincident with a large increase in tonnage, heavier cargoes have been carried.

39. In 1893, 3,400 British ships, aggregating 4,517,089 tons, carried 79.9%, in 1897, 3,688 vessels with a total of 4,883,745 tons carried 77.7%, or a tonnage increase of 7.5%, and a decrease in carrying of 2.2%, equal to a nett increase in five years of 5.3%.

40. In 1893, 2,602 foreign vessels, measuring 2,803,664 tons, carried 82.2% in 1897, 3,161 foreigners, carried 80.2% of their total tonnage, 3,856,135, equivalent to an increase of 27.3% in measurement, with a decrease in carrying of 2% or a nett increase in 5 years of 25.1%.

41. Whilst British and foreign shipping import *pro rata* much the same, foreigners appear to carry more exports and British more transit cargo. Foreign vessels also appear to ship slightly more coal in the Colony.

BRITISH.

Year.	Quarter.	Ships.	Tonnage.	Im-ports.	Ex-ports.	Transit.	Coal.	Total.
1893	1st	815	1,080,055	34.5	18.2	16.8	6.1	75.6
1897	4th	1,075	1,261,441	25.8	20.8	23.2	5.2	75.0

FOREIGN.

Year.	Quarter.	Ships.	Tonnage.	Im-ports.	Ex-ports.	Transit.	Coal.	Total.
1893	1st	609	658,440	43.0	17.3	16.4	6.0	82.7
1897	4th	883	1,060,800	33.2	25.6	22.2	4.9	86.0

Between the first quarter of 1893, and the fourth quarter of 1897, British tonnage increased 181,386 tons, or 14.4%, and decreased in carrying .6%, or a nett increase of 13.8%. For the same period, foreign shipping increased 402,360 tons, or 38%, and advanced in carrying 3.3%, equivalent to a total gain of 41.3%. During the five years under review 20,182,512 tons of shipping, on entry, paid Light Dues at 2½ cents a ton.

River Steamers, &c.

42. Call for little remark, save that they are to be congratulated on the remarkable economy of fuel apparent as against the expenditure in ocean-going vessels. The passenger trade in 1897 was good, exceeding 1896 by 90,203. As might be expected their percentage of cargo is very low.

43. Junks in foreign trade show a decided increase in imports, and a gain of 33,612 in passengers carried over 1896. A fair average has been maintained. The diversion of the rice trade is very apparent in their percentages of exports.

44. Junks in local trade discharged mainly earth and stones at Victoria for the Reclamation.

REVENUE.

45. The total Revenue collected by the Harbour Office during the year was \$234,233.12, a decrease of \$757.04 on the previous year.

1. Light Dues,	\$114,176.41
2. Licences and Internal Revenue,	31,382.30
3. Fees of Court and Office,	88,674.41
Total,	234,233.12

STEAM LAUNCHES.

46. On 31st December there were 155 Steam Launches employed in the harbour; of these 65 were licensed for the conveyance of passengers, 73 were privately owned, 12 were the property of the Colonial Government, and 5 belonged to the Imperial Government in charge of the Military Authorities.

One Master's Certificate was suspended for one month, and two Master's Certificates were suspended for two months each.

EMIGRATION.

47. 62,831 Emigrants left Hongkong for various places during the year; of these 50,317 were carried by British ships, and 12,514 by foreign ships; 115,207 were reported as having been brought to Hongkong from places to which they had emigrated; and of these, 91,056 were brought in British ships, and 24,151 by foreign ships.

Returns Nos. XVIII and XIX will give the details of this branch of the Department.

REGISTRY OF SHIPPING.

48. During the year, 22 ships were registered under the provisions of the Imperial Act, and 10 certificates were cancelled.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

49. 18 cases were heard in the Marine Magistrate's Court; refusal of duty and assault were the principal offences.

EXAMINATION OF MASTERS, MATES, AND ENGINEERS.

(Under Section 15 of Ordinance No. 26 of 1891.)

50. The following table will show the number of candidates examined for Certificates of Competency distinguishing those who were successful and those who failed:—

GRADE.	PASSED.	FAILED.
Masters,	33	7
First Mates,	22	4
Only Mates,	1	3
Second Mates,	5	2
TOTAL,	61	16
First Class Engineers,	12	10
Second Class Engineers,	42	32
TOTAL,	54	42

MARINE COURTS.

(Under Section 13 of Ordinance No. 26 of 1891.)

51. The following Courts have been held during the year:—

1. On the 16th February, inquiry respecting certain charges of misconduct brought against Patrick Cassidy, Second Mate of the British Barque *Torrisdale*, Official No. 99,828 of Glasgow, by Robert Buchanan, Master of the said ship. The Certificate of Competency of the Second Mate was not dealt with, but the Court was of opinion that the Second Mate was guilty of misconduct, and directed that he be discharged from his ship.

2. On the 26th March, inquiry into the loss of the British s.s. *Glamorganshire*, Official No. 89,651 of London, off Cape St. James, China Sea, on the 7th March, 1897. The Master's (Hugh Norris Vyvyan) Certificate of Competency was returned to him.

3. On the 19th and 20th October, inquiry into the loss of the British s.s. *Namoa*, Official No. 65,090, of Hongkong, through striking an uncharted rock in the Haitan Straits, China Sea, on the 3rd October, 1897. The Master's (Thomas Phillip Hall) Certificate of Competency was returned to him.

SUNDAY CARGO-WORKING.

(Ordinance No. 6 of 1891.)

52. During the year 160 permits were issued, under the provisions of the Ordinance; of these, 39 were not availed of owing to its being found unnecessary for the ship to work cargo on the Sunday, and the fee paid for the permit was refunded in each case.

37 Permits were issued free of charge to Mail steamers.

The revenue collected under this heading was \$11,850; this was \$4,275 more than 1896.

SEAMEN.

53. 18,582 Seamen were shipped, and 20,833 discharged, at the Shipping Office, and on board ships during the year.

242 Distressed Seamen were received during the year; of these, 34 were sent to the United Kingdom, 1 to Manila, 2 to Bombay, 2 to Calcutta, 2 died, 196 obtained employment, 2 remained at the Government Civil Hospital, and 3 at the Sailors' Home.

\$4,375.30 were expended by the Board of Trade in the relief of these men, and \$168.34 by the Colony.

MARINE SURVEYOR'S SUB-DEPARTMENT.

54. Return No. XXIII shows the work performed by this branch of the Harbour Department.

LIGHTHOUSES.

55. The amount of Light Dues collected was as follows:—

CLASS OF VESSELS.	RATE PER TON.	NO. OF SHIPS.	TONNAGE.	TOTAL FEES COLLECTED.
Ocean Vessels paying full dues,	2½ cents.	3,332	4,356,447	\$ 108,911.28
Launches paying full dues,	do.	327	18,856	472.44
River Steamers (night-boats),...	¾ cent.	678	715,873	4,772.55
Launches plying exclusively to Macao,	do.	57	3,021	20.14
River Steamers (day-boats), ...	Free.	869	978,204	...
Launches plying to Macao by day,	do.	425	22,778	...
TOTAL,		5,688	6,095,179	114,176.41

56. Telegraphic and telephonic communication has been kept up with the Gap Rock and Cape D'Aguilar during the year. From the former station 568 vessels have been reported as passing, and in addition 139 messages were received and 3,110 sent including the daily weather report for the Observatory.

57. From Cape D'Aguilar 1,158 vessels were reported, and in addition 1,793 messages were sent and 18 received.

58. 190 hours of fog were reported from Gap Rock during the year, and the fog signal gun has been fired 1,203 times. On 6 occasions the fortnightly relief could not be effected owing to the rough sea.

GOVERNMENT GUNPOWDER DEPÔT.

59. During the year 1897, there has been stored in the Government Magazine Stone Cutter's Island:—

	NO. OF CASES.	APPROXIMATE WEIGHT.
		lbs.
Gunpowder, privately owned,	10,427	212,229
Do., Government owned,	"	"
Cartridges, privately owned,	2,681	388,467
Do., Government owned,	106	17,032
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,	477	48,479
Do., Government owned,	21	1,226
TOTAL,	13,712	667,433

On the 31st December, 1897, there remained as under:—

	NO. OF CASES.	APPROXIMATE WEIGHT.
		lbs.
Gunpowder, privately owned,	958	22,295
Do., Government owned, .....	...	...
Cartridges, privately owned,	1,367	205,050
Do., Government owned,	69	14,245
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,	263	13,839
Do., Government owned,	21	1,226
TOTAL,	2,678	256,655

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (OPIUM) OFFICE.

60. The Return shows that during the year the amount of Opium reported was as follows:—

	1896.	1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
	chests.	chests.	chests.	chests.
Imported,	34,208	37,708	3,500	...
Exported,	33,385½	35,808	2,422½	...
Through cargo reported } but not landed, }	14,838½	13,739½	...	1,099

15,251 permits were issued from this Office during the year, being a decrease of 391 as compared with 1896.

A daily memo. of exports to Chinese ports was during the year supplied to the Commissioner of Imperial Maritime Customs at Kowloon; and from the 1st June last, a daily memo. of exports to Macao was, at the request of the Superintendent of Raw Opium Department of Macao, supplied to him.

Surprise visits were paid to 94 godowns during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, Retd. Comd., R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

The Honourable J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Colonial Secretary,

&c.,

&c.,

&c.

I.—NUMBER, TONNAGE, CREWS, and CARGOES of Vessels Entered at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong from each Country for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

WHENCE ARRIVED.	BRITISH.										FOREIGN.										TOTAL.										
	WITH CARGOES.					IN BALLAST.					TOTAL.					WITH CARGOES.					IN BALLAST.					TOTAL.					
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis- charged.	Transit.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis- charged.	Transit.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis- charged.	Transit.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis- charged.	Transit.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis- charged.	Transit.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis- charged.	Transit.	
From India	36	50,473	2,922	41,707	7,390	1	1,109	46	51,682	2,968	41,707	7,390	18	28,665	1,802	13,837	6,354	64	79,036	3,324	55,040	13,744	1	1,109	46	53	81,145	3,570	55,040	13,744	
From the Indian Archipelago	14	16,978	798	13,890	1,390	1	566	14	17,658	812	14,980	1,390	2	1,228	27	1,300	...	16	18,206	825	20,350	...	1	566	14	17	18,766	839	20,350	...	
From the Indian Archipelago	22	24,306	1,176	19,908	2,831	301	137,781	7,031	2,044	2,148,432	84,194	13,869	120	120,696	3,873	183,307	17,998	142	154,131	5,949	224,987	22,398	11,000	2,180	79	113	156,322	5,128	224,987	22,398	
From the Indian Archipelago	93	67,751	4,298	418,509	418,509	1	1,827	40	140	330,208	8,194	163,526	11	20,975	467	15,561	11,100	96	69,566	4,395	25,453	...	1	1,058	113	101	331,178	8,661	179,087	179,087	
From the Indian Archipelago	148	245,972	12,510	185,023	168,015	4	7,852	179	170	322,849	11,682	206,872	282	414,491	13,257	453,087	195,314	190	807,636	44,917	235,294	129,639	2	4,634	131	193	812,270	19,048	532,291	129,639	
From the Indian Archipelago	31	335,109	14,730	39,928	6,712	2	951	117	317	390,060	14,847	39,928	412	54,905	10,394	21,654	8,530	85	109,218	3,958	167,193	15,292	1	1,430	291	403	740,938	25,301	634,359	205,130	
From the Indian Archipelago	3	4,015	153	4,220	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6,138	225	3,090	...	727	390,012	23,068	61,521	...	174	20,238	2,301	901	410,250	27,369	61,521	...
From the Indian Archipelago	90	89,433	4,708	113,487	800	90	89,433	4,708	113,487	22	16,282	675	22,668	1,400	3	725	32	738	...	112	105,715	5,383	3	3	106,431	5,458	738	...
From the Indian Archipelago	13	19,082	521	34,370	6,800	...	...	...	305	200,224	8,455	240,931	2	3,648	148	509	34,314	816	219,696	9,376	275,801	41,114	2	1,478	71	318	221,084	9,047	275,801	41,114
From the Indian Archipelago	131	155,889	6,536	201,630	2,600	...	...	...	2	2,117	84	630	13	11,310	444	16,470	...	144	147,199	7,000	218,000	3,460	2	1,785	81	141	147,199	7,000	218,000	3,460
From the Indian Archipelago	75	163,676	5,642	111,279	48,990	...	...	...	45	95,705	2,931	49,089	...	...	...	...	...	120	259,389	8,573	180,368	70,690	...	...	...	120	259,389	8,573	180,368	70,690
TOTAL	3,675	3,963,401	132,105	2,215,668	1,115,704	319	170,000	7,427	3,392	4,153,151	162,527	1,521,568	1,251	2,873,460	330,313	1,756,742	736,756	18,324	8,835,551	388,618	2,783,101	824,463	19,108	33,968	7,782,379	403,79	3,278,310	1,852,462			

II.—NUMBER, TONNAGE, CREWS, and CARGOES of Vessels Cleared in the Colony of Hongkong for each Country for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

WHENCE ARRIVED.	BRITISH.										FOREIGN.										TOTAL.										
	WITH CARGOES.					IN BALLAST.					TOTAL.					WITH CARGOES.					IN BALLAST.					TOTAL.					
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis- charged.	Transit.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis- charged.	Transit.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis- charged.	Transit.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis- charged.	Transit.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis- charged.	Transit.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis- charged.	Transit.	
From India	37	58,057	2,870	43,570	7,370	1	1,109	46	51,682	2,968	41,707	7,390	18	28,665	1,802	13,837	6,354	64	79,036	3,324	55,040	13,744	1	1,109	46	53	81,145	3,570	55,040	13,744	
From the Indian Archipelago	13	15,666	791	12,210	1,390	1	566	14	17,658	812	14,980	1,390	2	1,228	27	1,300	...	16	18,206	825	20,350	...	1	566	14	17	18,766	839	20,350	...	
From the Indian Archipelago	20	22,023	3,353	25,203	2,831	301	137,781	7,031	2,044	2,148,432	84,194	13,869	120	120,696	3,873	183,307	17,998	142	154,131	5,949	224,987	22,398	11,000	2,180	79	113	156,322	5,128	224,987	22,398	
From the Indian Archipelago	93	67,751	4,298	418,509	418,509	1	1,827	40	140	330,208	8,194	163,526	11	20,975	467	15,561	11,100	96	69,566	4,395	25,453	...	1	1,058	113	101	331,178	8,661	179,087	179,087	
From the Indian Archipelago	148	245,972	12,510	185,023	168,015	4	7,852	179	170	322,849	11,682	206,872	282	414,491	13,257	453,087	195,314	190	807,636	44,917	235,294	129,639	2	4,634	131	193	812,270	19,048	532,291	129,639	
From the Indian Archipelago	31	335,109	14,730	39,928	6,712	2	951	117	317	390,060	14,847	39,928	412	54,905	10,394	21,654	8,530	85	109,218	3,958	167,193	15,292	1	1,430	291	403	740,938	25,301	634,359	205,130	
From the Indian Archipelago	3	4,015	153	4,220	...	...	...	...	6	6,138	225	3,090	...	...	...	...	...	727	390,012	23,068	61,521	...	174	20,238	2,301	901	410,250	27,369	61,521	...
From the Indian Archipelago	90	89,433	4,708	113,487	800	90	89,433	4,708	113,487	22	16,282	675	22,668	1,400	3	725	32	738	...	112	105,715	5,383	3	3	106,431	5,458	738	...
From the Indian Archipelago	13	19,082	521	34,370	6,800	...	...	...	305	200,224	8,455	240,931	2	3,648	148	509	34,314	816	219,696	9,376	275,801	41,114	2	1,478	71	318	221,084	9,047	275,801	41,114
From the Indian Archipelago	131	155,889	6,536	201,630	2,600	...	...	...	2	2,117	84	630	13	11,310	444	16,470	...	144	147,199	7,000	218,000	3,460	2	1,785	81	141	147,199	7,000	218,000	3,460
From the Indian Archipelago	75	163,676	5,642	111,279	48,990	...	...	...	45	95,705	2,931	49,089	...	...	...	...	...	120	259,389	8,573	180,368	70,690	...	...	...	120	259,389	8,573	180,368	70,690
TOTAL	3,675	3,963,401	132,105	2,215,668	1,115,704	319	170,000	7,427	3,392	4,153,151	162,527	1,521,568	1,251	2,873,460	330,313	1,756,742	736,756	18,324	8,835,551	388,618	2,783,101	824,463	19,108	33,968	7,782,379	403,79	3,278,310	1,852,462			

V.—NUMBER, TONNAGE and CREWS of Vessels of each Nation ENTERED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong in the Year 1897.

NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.	ENTERED.								
	WITH CARGOES.			IN BALLAST.			TOTAL.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.
American,	48	68,246	2,002	66	8,621	429	114	76,867	2,431
Austrian,	27	66,594	1,614	...	...	...	27	66,594	1,614
British,	3,073	3,963,091	155,105	319	170,060	7,427	3,392	4,133,151	162,532
Chinese,	176	228,648	9,263	22	26,971	1,086	198	255,619	10,349
Chinese Junks,	13,890	1,089,281	165,309	15,099	629,458	107,259	28,989	1,718,739	272,568
Danish,	65	32,149	1,410	8	3,549	204	73	35,698	1,614
Dutch,	2	1,644	40	2	1,644	39	4	3,288	79
French,	143	169,304	11,607	2	1,478	71	145	170,782	11,678
German,	602	752,546	23,479	80	66,109	2,325	682	818,655	25,804
Hawaiian,	4	8,256	268	...	...	...	4	8,256	268
Italian,	13	18,913	975	1	794	15	14	19,707	990
Japanese,	148	295,373	10,501	4	4,285	187	152	299,658	10,688
Norwegian,	109	113,371	3,017	33	30,408	950	142	144,175	3,967
Russian,	5	14,585	454	...	...	...	5	14,585	454
Siamese,	3	1,621	59	...	...	...	3	1,621	59
Spanish,	5	2,050	175	1	716	75	6	2,766	250
Swedish,	11	10,879	340	2	1,339	38	13	12,218	378
TOTAL,.....	18,324	6,836,551	385,618	15,639	945,828	120,105	33,963	7,782,379	505,723

VI.—NUMBER, TONNAGE and CREWS of Vessels of each Nation CLEARED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong in the Year 1897.

NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.	CLEARED.								
	WITH CARGOES.			IN BALLAST.			TOTAL.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.
American,	102	57,956	2,215	10	13,933	199	112	70,889	2,414
Austrian,	27	66,594	1,614	...	...	...	27	66,594	1,614
British,	3,258	3,944,732	159,987	133	190,883	5,802	3,391	4,135,615	165,789
Chinese,	195	253,748	10,359	3	2,141	121	198	255,889	10,480
Chinese Junks,	13,246	1,208,843	175,366	15,568	513,713	97,838	28,814	1,722,556	273,204
Danish,	65	32,128	1,429	7	2,984	191	72	35,112	1,620
Dutch,	3	2,466	61	1	822	19	4	3,288	80
French,	144	170,043	11,312	1	739	32	145	170,782	11,344
German,	602	734,735	23,996	80	84,181	2,402	682	818,916	26,398
Hawaiian,	4	8,256	399	...	...	...	4	8,256	399
Italian,	14	19,707	1,001	...	...	...	14	19,707	1,001
Japanese,	130	257,928	9,461	22	41,699	1,219	152	299,618	10,680
Norwegian,	109	115,602	3,070	34	29,217	1,018	143	144,819	4,088
Russian,	5	14,585	473	...	...	...	5	14,585	473
Siamese,	3	1,621	63	...	...	...	3	1,621	63
Spanish,	4	1,750	155	1	300	16	5	2,050	171
Swedish,	12	11,229	360	1	989	30	13	12,218	390
TOTAL,.....	17,923	6,901,923	401,321	15,861	881,592	108,887	33,784	7,783,515	510,208

VII.—*Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks ENTERED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong, from Ports on the Coast of China, during the Year ending 31st December, 1897.*

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.
East Coast,....	2,004	179,849	18,544	468	165,108	378	10,304	3,105	180	2,382	190,153	21,649	648	165,108
San On Dis-trict, West River, &c., }	11,360	842,352	134,907	90,978	340,660	14,194	582,891	98,137	22,477	25,554	1,425,243	233,044	113,455	340,660
West Coast, ...	114	12,177	1,520	140	7,827	360	21,462	3,968	5	474	33,639	5,488	145	7,827
Total,...	13,478	1,034,378	154,971	91,586	513,595	14,932	614,657	105,210	22,662	28,410	1,649,035	260,181	114,248	513,595

VIII.—*Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks CLEARED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong, for Ports on the Coast of China, during the Year ending 31st December, 1897.*

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.
East Coast,....	974	46,065	7,814	534	20,351	1,306	122,396	12,194	174	2,280	168,461	20,008	708	20,351
San On Dis-trict, West River, &c., }	11,319	1,067,264	151,201	118,533	592,780	14,144	381,223	84,061	3,298	25,463	1,448,487	235,262	121,831	592,780
West Coast, ...	405	27,590	4,334	26	17,059	88	7,301	1,169	123	493	34,891	5,503	149	17,059
Total,...	12,698	1,140,919	163,349	119,093	630,190	15,538	510,920	97,424	3,595	28,236	1,651,839	260,773	122,688	630,190

IX.—*Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks ENTERED from Macao, during the Year ending 31st December, 1897.*

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.
Victoria,	412	54,903	10,338	14	21,654	167	14,801	2,049	1	579	69,704	12,387	15	21,654
Total,...	412	54,903	10,338	14	21,654	167	14,801	2,049	1	579	69,704	12,387	15	21,654

X.—*Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks CLEARED for Macao, during the Year ending 31st December, 1897.*

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.
Victoria,	548	67,924	12,017	765	43,918	30	2,793	414	2	578	70,717	12,431	767	43,918
Total,...	548	67,924	12,017	765	43,918	30	2,793	414	2	578	70,717	12,431	767	43,918

XI.—Grand Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks ENTERED at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong (exclusive of Local Trade), during the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.
Aberdeen,.....	411	15,964	3,147	137	9,445	87	2,438	657	...	498	18,402	3,804	137	9,445
Hungghoan,.....	536	5,950	2,231	4	5,282	196	12,031	1,537	1	732	17,981	3,768	5	5,282
Shaukiwan, ...	353	8,516	2,136	175	4,316	399	21,858	3,301	...	752	30,374	5,437	175	4,316
Stanley,.....	161	4,425	1,120	52	3,421	49	711	400	1	201	5,136	1,520	53	3,421
Victoria,	11,046	867,327	140,778	90,924	345,391	12,502	404,534	80,207	22,540	23,548	1,271,861	220,985	113,464	345,391
Yaumati,	1,383	187,099	15,897	308	167,394	1,875	187,886	21,157	121	3,258	374,985	37,054	429	167,394
Total,...	13,890	1,089,281	165,309	91,600	535,249	15,099	629,458	107,259	22,663	23,989	1,718,739	272,568	114,263	535,249

XII.—Grand Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks CLEARED at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong (exclusive of Local Trade), during the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.
Aberdeen,.....	189	6,960	1,671	295	2,346	309	11,442	2,133	2	498	18,402	3,804	297	2,346
Hungghoan,	211	9,219	1,399	173	8,059	526	8,691	2,310	68	737	17,910	3,709	241	8,059
Shaukiwan, ...	438	22,477	3,578	105	19,970	297	7,442	1,713	...	735	29,919	5,291	105	19,970
Stanley,.....	97	3,855	861	60	2,882	104	1,313	721	2	201	5,168	1,522	62	2,882
Victoria,	10,338	930,682	144,472	118,995	450,506	13,247	345,490	77,133	3,237	23,585	1,276,172	221,605	122,232	450,506
Yaumati,	1,973	235,650	23,445	230	190,345	1,285	139,535	13,823	288	3,258	374,985	37,273	513	190,345
Total,...	13,246	1,208,843	175,366	119,858	674,108	15,568	513,713	97,838	3,597	28,814	1,722,556	273,204	123,455	674,108

XIII.—Return of Junks (Local Trade) ENTERED at the Port of Victoria from the Out-stations of the Island and the Villages in British Kaulung, during the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged. Tons.
Victoria,	3,479	147,931	45,737	985	136,418	1,271	38,296	10,846	2,218	4,750	186,227	56,583	3,203	136,418
Total,...	3,479	147,931	45,737	985	136,418	1,271	38,296	10,846	2,218	4,750	186,227	56,583	3,203	136,418

XIV.—Return of Junks (Local Trade) CLEARED at the Port of Victoria for the Out-stations of the Island and the Villages in British Kaulung, during the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped. Tons.
Victoria,	1,530	42,440	13,884	1,467	10,212	3,266	143,613	44,057	326	4,796	186,053	57,941	1,793	10,212
Total,...	1,530	42,440	13,884	1,467	10,212	3,266	143,613	44,057	326	4,796	186,053	57,941	1,793	10,212

XV.—SUMMARY.

FOREIGN TRADE.	NO. OF VESSELS.	TONS.	CREWS.
British Vessels <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	3,073	3,963,091	155,105
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	319	170,060	7,427
Total,	3,392	4,133,151	162,532
British Vessels <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	3,258	3,944,732	159,987
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	133	190,883	5,802
Total,	3,391	4,135,615	165,789
Total of <i>all</i> British Vessels <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	6,783	8,268,766	328,321
Foreign Vessels <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	15,251	2,873,460	230,513
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	15,320	775,768	112,678
Total,	30,571	3,649,228	343,191
Foreign Vessels <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	14,665	2,957,191	241,334
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	15,728	690,709	103,085
Total,	30,393	3,647,900	344,419
Total of <i>all</i> Foreign Vessels <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	60,964	7,297,128	687,610
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	18,324	6,836,551	385,618
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	15,639	945,828	120,105
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels <i>entered</i> ,	33,963	7,782,379	505,723
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	17,923	6,901,923	401,321
Do. <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	15,861	881,592	108,887
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels <i>cleared</i> ,	33,784	7,783,515	510,208
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	36,247	13,738,474	786,939
Do. <i>do.</i> <i>do.</i> in Ballast,	31,500	1,827,420	228,992
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels engaged in <i>Foreign Trade only</i> , <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	67,747	15,565,894	1,015,931
LOCAL TRADE.			
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels <i>entered</i> ,	4,750	186,227	56,583
Do. <i>cleared</i> ,	4,796	186,053	57,941
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels engaged in <i>Local Trade only</i> , <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	9,546	372,280	114,524
Total of <i>all</i> Vessels engaged in <i>Foreign Trade only</i> , <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	67,747	15,565,894	1,015,931
Do. <i>do.</i> in <i>Local Trade only</i> , <i>do.</i> <i>do.</i>	9,546	372,280	114,524
Grand Total of <i>all</i> Vessels <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	77,293	15,938,174	1,130,455

XVI.—RETURN of VESSELS REGISTERED at the Port of Hongkong, during the Year 1897.

Name of Vessel.	Official Number.	Registered Tonnage.	Horse Power.	Rig.	Built of	Where built and when.	Remarks.
Pelican, (str.)	84,933	1,399	270	Schooner	Iron	Glasgow, 1882.	Foreign name "Anvers."
Trial,	95,873	61	...	Lorecha	Wood	Hongkong, 1897.	
Sai Kong, (str.)	95,874	259	45	None	Wood	Hongkong, 1897.	
Germana, (str.)	95,875	86	28	Schooner	Wood	Hongkong, 1897.	
Kutsing,	107,006	43	...	Lorecha	Wood	Macao, 1887.	Foreign name "Kutsing."
Lungshan, (str.)	107,007	141	28	Schooner	Composite	Hongkong, 1896.	
Lungkiang, (str.)	107,008	141	28	Schooner	Composite	Hongkong, 1896.	
Cam,	107,009	106	...	Lorecha	Wood	Macao, 1885.	
Hoi On, (str.)	107,010	76	24	None	Wood	Hongkong, 1897.	Since sold to Foreigners.
Vale of Doon,	63,211	669	...	Barque	Iron	Glasgow, 1869.	Transferred from Liverpool.
Lulu,	107,011	79	...	Schooner	Wood	Hongkong.	Since sold to Foreigners.
Man On,	107,012	64	...	None	Wood	Canton, 1897.	
Ching Po, (str.)	107,013	55	40	None	Wood	Foochow, 1885.	Foreign name "Ching Po."
Lil,	107,014	98	...	Lorecha	Wood	Canton, 1896.	Since sold to Foreigners.
Castle Peak,	107,015	98	...	Lorecha	Wood	Canton, 1897.	
For Tong,	107,016	92	...	Lorecha	Wood	Canton, 1897.	Since sold to Foreigners.
Lulu,	107,011	79	...	Schooner	Wood	Hongkong.	Since sold to Foreigners.
Kam Un Fat,	107,017	99	...	Lorecha	Wood	Macao.	Since sold to Foreigners.
Kong Pak, (str.)	107,018	172	25	Schooner	Wood	Hongkong, 1897.	
Kam Un Fat,	107,017	99	...	Lorecha	Wood	Macao.	
Hai Tong, (str.)	107,019	410	62	None	Wood	Hongkong, 1897.	
Chun Wai, (str.)	107,020	289	72	None	Composite	Whampoa, 1888.	Foreign name "Chun Wai."

XVII.—RETURN of REGISTRIES of VESSELS cancelled at the Port of Hongkong, during the Year 1897.

Name of Vessel.	Official Number.	Registered Tonnage.	Date of Registry.	Horse Power.	Rig.	Built of	Where built and when.	Reason of Cancellation.
Claro Babuyan,	44,497	358	1882	...	Barque	Wood	Durham, 1862.	Wrecked.
Namoa, (str.)	65,090	863	1883	130	Schooner	Iron	Aberdeen, 1872.	Stranded at the northern entrance of Haitan Straits.
Hongkong, (str.)	88,835	11	1885	9	None	Wood	Hongkong, 1884.	Sold to Foreigners.
Wing Tong, (str.)	95,867	88	1895	33	None	Wood	Hongkong, 1894.	Sold to Foreigners.
Hoi On, (str.)	107,010	76	1897	24	None	Wood	Hongkong, 1897.	Sold to Foreigners.
Lulu,	107,011	79	1897	...	Schooner	Wood	Hongkong.	Sold to Foreigners.
Lil,	107,014	98	1897	...	Lorecha	Wood	Canton, 1896.	Sold to Foreigners.
For Tong,	107,016	92	1897	...	Lorecha	Wood	Canton, 1897.	Sold to Foreigners.
Lulu,	107,011	79	1897	...	Schooner	Wood	Hongkong.	Sold to Foreigners.
Kam Un Fat,	107,017	99	1897	...	Lorecha	Wood	Macao.	Sold to Foreigners.

XVIII.—SUMMARY of CHINESE EMIGRATION from HONGKONG to Ports other than in China, during the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

WHITHER BOUND.	BRITISH VESSELS.					FOREIGN VESSELS.					GRAND TOTAL.				
	Adults.		Children.		Total.	Adults.		Children.		Total.	Adults.		Children.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
To Honolulu, Sandwich Islands,	2,459	167	69	60	2,755	1,089	59	28	14	1,190	3,548	226	97	74	3,945
" Mauritius,	259	...	5	...	258	1,349	10	25	1	1,391	1,602	16	30	1	1,649
" Portland, Oregon,	20	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	20
" San Francisco, U.S.A.,	3,655	28	56	12	3,751	1,482	8	16	3	1,509	5,137	36	72	15	5,260
" Straits Settlements,	30,742	4,568	901	555	36,766	6,522	1,454	223	225	8,424	37,264	6,022	1,124	780	45,190
" Tacoma, U.S.A.,	1,057	...	...	...	1,057	...	...	...	...	1,057	...	...	...	...	1,057
" Vancouver, British Columbia,	4,593	...	7	...	4,600	...	...	...	...	4,593	...	...	7	...	4,600
" Victoria, Do.,	1,078	...	1	...	1,079	...	...	...	...	1,078	...	...	1	...	1,079
" Yokohama, Japan,	31	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	31
TOTAL PASSENGERS,	43,888	4,763	1,039	627	50,317	10,442	1,537	292	243	12,514	54,330	6,300	1,331	870	62,831
Total Passengers by British Vessels,	43,888	4,763	1,039	627	50,317						43,888	4,763	1,039	627	50,317
Total Passengers by Foreign Vessels,						10,442	1,537	292	243	12,514	10,442	1,537	292	243	12,514
Excess of Passengers by British Vessels,	33,446	3,226	747	384	37,803						33,446	3,226	747	384	37,803

XIX.—SUMMARY of CHINESE IMMIGRATION to HONGKONG from Ports other than China,
during the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

WHERE FROM.	BRITISH VESSELS.					FOREIGN VESSELS.					GRAND TOTAL.				
	Adults.		Children.		Total.	Adults.		Children.		Total.	Adults.		Children.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.			
From Aroe Bay, and Medan, Sumatra, .....	...	...	...	...	...	208	...	...	...	208	208	...	...	...	208
„ Bangkok, Siam,	1,904	...	...	...	1,904	229	2	...	...	231	2,133	2	...	...	2,135
„ Callao, Peru, .....	...	...	...	...	...	89	...	...	...	89	89	...	...	...	89
„ Honolulu, Sandwich Islands,	600	12	8	10	630	...	...	...	...	...	600	12	8	10	630
„ Mauritius,	574	11	8	5	598	987	8	6	...	1,001	1,561	19	14	5	1,599
„ Melbourne,	272	...	...	...	272	12	...	...	...	12	284	...	...	...	284
„ New South Wales,	358	2	8	2	370	147	1	...	...	148	505	3	8	2	518
„ New Zealand Ports,	58	...	...	...	58	13	1	2	3	19	71	1	2	3	77
„ Portland, Oregon,	100	...	...	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	...	100
„ Queensland Ports,	333	...	2	3	338	169	...	...	...	169	502	...	2	3	507
„ San Francisco, U.S.A.,	3,141	103	53	57	3,354	2,849	101	58	35	3,043	5,990	204	111	92	6,397
„ Seattle, U.S.A., .....	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	24	24	...	...	...	24
„ South Australian Ports,	113	4	3	4	124	...	...	...	...	...	113	4	3	4	124
„ Straits Settlements,	74,774	3,792	1,306	690	80,562	17,354	1,172	448	233	19,207	92,128	4,964	1,754	923	99,769
„ Tacoma, U.S.A.,	390	1	1	1	393	...	...	...	...	...	390	1	1	1	393
„ Vancouver, British Columbia,	2,165	12	11	3	2,191	...	...	...	...	...	2,165	12	11	3	2,191
„ Victoria, British Columbia,	161	1	...	...	162	...	...	...	...	...	161	1	...	...	162
TOTAL PASSENGERS,	84,943	3,938	1,400	775	91,056	22,081	1,285	514	271	24,151	107,024	5,223	1,914	1,046	115,207
Total Passengers by British Vessels,	84,943	3,938	1,400	775	91,056										
Total Passengers by Foreign Vessels,						22,081	1,285	514	271	24,151					
Excess of Passengers by British Vessels,	62,862	2,653	886	504	66,905										

XX.—RETURN of MARINE CASES tried at the MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT, during the Year 1897.

NATURE OF CHARGE.	No. of Cases.	No. of Defendants.	DEFENDANTS HOW DISPOSED OF.						Amount of Fines.
			Imprisoned with Hard Labour.	Imprisoned in default of Fine.	Fined.	Forfeiture of pay.	Sent back to duty.	Dismissed.	
Assault,	3	4	...	...	2	...	...	2	£ 6
Disorderly Behaviour,	1	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
Plying for hire without a Licence (Boat),	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Refusal of duty,	13	96	95	...	...	...	1	...	...
Total,	18	113	107	1	2	...	1	2	6

XXI.—DIAGRAM of Tonnage entered at Hongkong, from 1867 to 1897, inclusive.

RED LINE represents British Shipping Tonnage only.

BLUE LINE represents Foreign Shipping Tonnage only.

GREEN LINE represents British and Foreign Shipping Tonnage.

YELLOW LINE represents Junk Tonnage only, excluding Local Trade.

THICK BLACK LINE represents entire Trade in British and Foreign Ships and Junks.



XXII.—STATEMENT of the REVENUE collected in the Harbour Department, during the Year 1897.

Head of Receipt.	Amount.		Remarks.
	£	cts.	
1. Light Dues, Ordinance 26 of 1891,.....	114,176.41		
2. Licences and Internal Revenue not otherwise specified :—			
Chinese Passenger Ship Licences, Ordinance 1 of 1889,	380.00		
Emigration Brokers' Licences, Ordinance 1 of 1889,.....	1,000.00		
Fines,	6.00		
Junk Licences, &c., Ordinance 26 of 1891,.....	29,063.80		
Steam Launch Licences, &c., Ordinance 26 of 1891,.....	932.50		
3. Fees of Court or Office, Payments for specific purposes and Re-imbursements-in-aid :—			
Cargo-boat Certificates, Ordinance 26 of 1891,	1,923.00		
Discharge of Crews and Seamen, Ordinance 26 of 1891,	10,024.00		
Examination of Masters and Engineers of Launches, Ordinance 26 of 1891,...	230.00		
Examination of Masters, Mates, and Engineers, Ordinance 26 of 1891,	2,820.00		
Gunpowder, Storage of, Ordinance 26 of 1891,	13,353.44		
Medical Examination of Emigrants, Ordinance 1 of 1889,	19,814.25		
Printed Forms, Sale of, Harbour Regulations, Tide Tables, &c.,.....	181.75		
Private Moorings and Buoys, Rent for, Ordinance 26 of 1891,.....	2,880.00		
Registry Fees, (Merchant Shipping Act), Ordinance 26 of 1891,	706.00		
Shipping Crews and Seamen, Ordinance 26 of 1891,.....	10,947.20		
Steam Launches, Surveyor's Certificates, Ordinance 26 of 1891,.....	1,600.00		
Survey of Steam-ships, Ordinance 26 of 1891,	11,829.77		
Sunday Cargo-Working Permits, Ordinance 6 of 1891,	11,850.00		
Engagement and Discharge on board ship, Overtime Fees, C.S.O. 1762 of '97,	515.00		
Total,.....	£	234,233.12	

XXIII.—RETURN of WORK performed by the GOVERNMENT MARINE SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Years.	Passenger Certificate and Inspection of Bottom.	Emigration.	Tonnage for Registration.	British Tonnage. Certificate for Foreign Vessels.	Inspection of Crew space, Lights and Markings.	Minor Inspection.	Survey of Licenced Passenger Steam-launches.	Survey of Boilers under Construction.	Inspection of Government Launches.	Examination of Engineers.	Examination of Chinese Engineers for Steam-launches.	Estimated Total Number of Vessels in connection with Foreign Inspection.
1887,	153	101	3	6	9	1	72	15	14	42	31	930
1888,	161	97	9	1	4	2	80	1	6	42	36	1,042
1889,	130	73	4	3	4	1	80	1	...	39	36	1,127
1890,	112	77	5	2	3	...	84	1	...	61	19	986
1891,	108	38	4	3	1	...	73	3	16	44	19	1,615
1892,	122	51	3	6	1	...	85	10	16	60	96	1,678
1893,	136	74	4	9	1	...	94	20	19	64	25	1,659
1894,	124	62	17	5	2	1	116	11	28	54	18	1,364
1895,	102	64	5	7	1	1	98	18	34	57	24	1,452
1896,	142	68	6	5	3	...	97	20	37	77	66	1,409
1897,	158	79	24	3	1	1	109	41	85	96	51	1,631