

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 303.

The following Extract of Meteorological Observations, made at the Hongkong Observatory during the Month of June, 1898, is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th July, 1898.

EXTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MADE AT THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1898.

DATE.	BARO-METER AT M.S.L.	TEMPERATURE.			HUMIDITY.		CLOUDI-NESS.	SUN-SHINE.	RAIN.	WIND.	
		Max.	Mean.	Min.	Rel.	Abs.				Dir.	Vel.
	ins.	°	°	°	p. c.	ins.	p. c.	hrs.	ins.	Points.	Miles. p. h.
1,.....	29.79	88.3	83.4	79.2	76	0.87	45	10.3	0.055	E	14.0
2,.....	.72	91.1	82.8	77.5	76	.85	70	9.9	0.085	S by E	9.6
3,.....	.62	90.0	83.5	78.3	78	.90	86	6.3	...	SW by S	12.1
4,.....	.65	86.6	81.3	76.9	85	.91	94	3.1	0.305	SW by W	8.5
5,.....	.72	91.0	82.4	78.6	83	.91	80	7.0	0.005	E by S	7.4
6,.....	.78	82.3	79.4	77.2	87	.88	100	0.0	0.805	E by S	14.2
7,.....	.79	80.4	76.8	74.2	93	.85	96	0.0	3.505	ESE	8.4
8,.....	.76	86.7	82.6	77.5	81	.91	87	6.4	0.270	S	16.0
9,.....	.74	87.7	83.7	82.3	77	.90	86	2.8	...	SSW	16.2
10,.....	.75	88.1	84.1	80.8	77	.90	70	10.2	0.030	SW	13.0
11,.....	.78	89.2	84.5	81.8	75	.90	75	10.4	...	SW	12.7
12,.....	.76	89.1	84.2	81.4	77	.90	75	8.7	...	SW	11.1
13,.....	.73	88.6	84.2	79.6	79	.93	79	9.1	0.090	SW by S	12.7
14,.....	.67	89.0	83.6	80.5	78	.90	81	5.5	...	SSW	10.2
15,.....	.64	87.0	83.4	80.4	79	.91	91	3.0	0.370	S by W	9.0
16,.....	.62	87.5	80.9	73.6	86	.91	96	2.1	1.845	SW	7.1
17,.....	.66	84.2	78.9	75.9	89	.88	95	2.2	0.110	W by N	7.6
18,.....	.65	78.3	76.4	75.2	91	.83	94	0.1	0.050	E by N	21.8
19,.....	.55	84.3	80.2	76.0	87	.90	95	0.0	0.035	SSE	22.2
20,.....	.58	83.2	78.2	76.4	93	.90	96	0.0	1.870	W by S	7.3
21,.....	.68	84.6	79.8	76.5	86	.87	91	1.0	0.335	SSW	6.2
22,.....	.69	87.6	82.5	79.5	80	.89	78	4.8	0.020	SSW	10.0
23,.....	.63	83.0	81.8	77.5	85	.92	99	0.0	0.860	SSW	13.0
24,.....	.63	83.9	81.3	78.7	89	.96	88	1.1	1.150	S by E	8.6
25,.....	.72	85.3	81.2	76.8	90	.96	74	5.9	0.640	E	12.2
26,.....	.76	85.2	81.4	77.8	87	.93	80	4.3	0.245	E	11.0
27,.....	.72	85.6	81.2	77.8	87	.92	71	7.5	0.580	E by N	14.0
28,.....	.66	86.0	81.7	77.7	78	.84	78	8.1	0.075	ENE	22.3
29,.....	.62	85.0	81.7	77.9	75	.81	71	4.9	0.075	ENE	30.4
30,.....	.50	82.7	80.2	78.3	85	.87	100	0.4	0.840	ENE	36.3
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Mean or Total,	29.69	86.1	81.6	78.1	83	0.89	84	135.1	14.250	SE	13.5

The following notices have been issued by Mr. Figg during the month :—

On the 2nd at 11.50 a.—“The barometer has fallen moderately on the China coast, risen in the extreme North. Pressure appears to be highest over Japan, and lowest off the SE coast of China.” Forecast :—“moderate NW winds; fair to showery.”

On the 3rd at 11.40 a.—“The barometer has fallen generally, particularly on the E coast of China and in the Formosa Channel. Pressure is high over E Japan, and low in an area lying on the mainland and covering the SE coast of China. Gradients moderate for SW winds in the China Sea, rather steep for SE winds between the E coast of China and Japan.” Forecast :—“moderate to fresh SW winds; squally, thunder-showers probable.”

On the 4th at 11.50 a.—“The barometer has fallen in the extreme North, and is inclined to rise on the China coast. The area of low pressure still covers the SE coast and the Formosa Channel. Gradients moderate for NE winds on the E coast, and for SW winds on the S coast and in the China Sea.” Forecast :—“moderate SW winds; unsettled, thunder-showers.”

On the 5th at 11.50 a.—“The barometer has risen on the China coast, particularly in the Formosa Channel; fallen in Japan. The low pressure area has moved to the NE and is now lying over Central Japan. Gradients slight to moderate for NE winds on the China coast, and for SW winds in the China Sea.” Forecast :—“varying and NE winds, light to moderate; unsettled, thunder-showers.”

On the 6th at 11.45 a.—“The barometer has risen moderately on the China coast. Pressure is highest over the SE coast of China, and the low area has probably reached E Japan. Gradients slight on the China coast.” Forecast:—“light or moderate SE and E winds; showery.”

On the 26th at 11.45 a.—“The barometer has risen moderately on the China coast, fallen in E Japan. The depression appears to be lying yet in the NE part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients slight for E winds on the China coast, moderate for SW winds over the middle part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“light to moderate E and SE winds; showery.”

On the 27th at 11.35 a.—“The barometer has fallen slightly on the China coast, risen moderately in E Japan. Pressure is highest over the Pacific to the S of Japan, and slightly low in a trough, between NE and SW winds, lying across the N part of the China Sea. Gradients slight for E winds on the China coast, moderate for SW winds over the middle part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“moderate or fresh E winds; showery.”

On the 28th at 10.55 a.—“A small depression exists to the South of Hongkong in about 18° Latitude. At 11.40 a. “The barometer has fallen slightly on the E coast of China and moderately on the S coast. The depression to the South of Hongkong is likely to move Westwards.” Forecast:—“NE and E winds, freshening considerably; squally, showery.” At 5.30 p. Black South Cone hoisted.

On the 29th at 11.20 a.—“Barometric changes on the China coast are unimportant. The depression seems to be still lying to the Southward of Hongkong with probably a slow motion in a Westerly direction. Gradients slight for E winds on the China coast to the Northward of Hongkong, moderate to rather steep for NE winds off the S coast.” Forecast:—“strong or fresh NE and E winds; squally, showery.”

On the 30th at 10.45 a.—“The depression to the Southward of Hongkong seems to be moving towards a point on the coast between Macao and Hoihow.” At 11.15 a.—“The barometer has fallen considerably in the neighbourhood of Hongkong, and is little changed elsewhere. Gradients slight for E winds on the E coast of China, steep for NE on the S coast.” Forecast:—“strong NE winds, possibly rising to a gale; squally, showery.” At 3.30 p. Gun fired. “The centre of the depression is likely to pass near Gap Rock. Strong E gale probable in the harbour.”

On the 1st July at 4.40 a.—Black Ball hoisted. At 10.35 a. Black Ball lowered. At 11.25 a. “The depression entered the coast to the West of Macao this morning. The barometer has risen quickly in the neighbourhood of Hongkong, fallen slightly in the North. Gradients rather steep but decreasing on the S coast, slight elsewhere.” Forecast:—“SE winds, decreasing; squally, showery.”

On the 2nd at 11.40 a.—“The barometer has risen on the S and SE coasts of China, fallen in Tongking and over the Sea of Japan. The depression seems to be passing to the N of Tongking. Another depression is moving Eastwards in the Sea of Japan. Pressure is high over the Pacific to the S of the Loochoo islands. Gradients moderate on the S coast of China, slight on the E coast.” Forecast:—“fresh to moderate SE winds; showery and squally at first, improving later.”

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Director.

Hongkong Observatory, 8th July, 1898.

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With reference to Government Notification No. 161 of the 5th April last, the following Letter is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th July, 1898.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE
A HONGKONG.

HONGKONG, le 7 Juillet, 1898.

MONSIEUR LE SECRETAIRE DE LA COLONIE,

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer que Monsieur le Gouverneur Général de l'Indo-Chine m'a télégraphié hier soir:—

“J'ai rapporté l'arrêté déclarant Hongkong contaminé.”

Veillez agréer,
Monsieur le Secrétaire de la Colonie,
les assurances de ma haute considération,

LÉON GME. LE ROUX.

To the Honourable T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
HONGKONG.