

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 364.

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

By Command,

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EXTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MADE AT THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY
DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, 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,.....	29.62	83.7	80.3	78.2	84	0.87	100	2.0	0.485	SE	29.5
2,.....	.74	85.6	81.7	79.8	81	.87	90	8.3	0.100	SE	19.7
3,.....	.79	86.1	81.5	76.7	83	.89	69	10.9	0.540	ESE	14.1
4,.....	.83	84.5	80.3	76.5	86	.88	66	6.4	0.250	E by S	10.4
5,.....	.82	85.1	81.5	78.5	82	.88	78	8.7	0.020	ESE	15.4
6,.....	.83	85.7	81.7	79.3	81	.87	49	10.6	...	ESE	9.2
7,.....	.81	83.0	82.7	78.5	79	.88	35	11.0	...	E by S	10.4
8,.....	.77	84.5	81.2	76.6	83	.89	75	5.7	0.535	ESE	17.5
9,.....	.82	84.4	80.7	77.2	80	.85	84	8.3	0.395	SSE	17.7
10,.....	.90	85.9	81.7	79.5	79	.85	60	9.0	0.010	SE by E	10.6
11,.....	.92	86.4	81.2	77.6	83	.88	39	8.2	0.050	E by S	8.5
12,.....	.87	87.7	82.3	78.1	73	.81	18	12.0	...	E by S	6.1
13,.....	.81	83.1	82.4	78.2	71	.79	17	11.4	...	WSW	6.1
14,.....	.78	88.2	83.0	79.3	75	.84	79	9.0	...	SW	9.5
15,.....	.91	87.8	83.3	80.6	77	.88	81	7.9	0.020	S	9.7
16,.....	.82	85.8	82.7	79.7	74	.83	36	11.4	0.010	E by S	11.7
17,.....	.81	86.0	82.2	78.9	80	.88	74	6.2	0.240	ESE	6.7
18,.....	.79	88.7	81.6	77.0	81	.88	51	5.2	0.665	ESE	4.9
19,.....	.79	87.3	82.5	79.7	78	.87	45	7.6	0.050	ESE	8.7
20,.....	.78	87.2	82.5	78.9	78	.86	44	10.0	0.035	E by S	11.5
21,.....	.78	86.0	81.9	77.5	82	.89	51	9.4	0.235	E by S	9.0
22,.....	.80	88.0	82.7	79.8	84	.94	61	6.4	0.015	E by S	9.2
23,.....	.80	85.9	80.8	78.1	87	.91	89	1.9	0.225	E	4.4
24,.....	.77	85.8	81.6	78.4	84	.91	57	7.6	0.040	E	5.7
25,.....	.79	86.6	81.2	77.6	85	.91	95	1.3	0.330	E	5.8
26,.....	.75	88.5	82.4	77.2	77	.85	24	12.2	...	E	6.1
27,.....	.65	87.0	83.4	79.9	75	.86	46	9.2	0.010	ENE	20.3
28,.....	.53	83.0	80.6	77.6	80	.84	98	0.2	1.270	E by N	42.3
29,.....	.59	82.7	80.5	78.8	79	.83	100	0.3	0.205	SE	34.4
30,.....	.68	84.4	81.0	76.3	85	.90	96	2.3	0.990	SSE	15.9
31,.....	.68	83.6	81.1	78.1	87	.92	84	6.1	0.330	E	13.0
Mean or Total,	29.77	86.1	81.7	78.3	80	0.87	64	226.7	7.055	ESE	13.0

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

On the 12th at noon.—“The barometer is still high but falling on the China coast. Apparently pressure has also decreased in the Pacific, where conditions favour the formation of a depression. Gradients slight on the China coast.” Forecast:—“light E or varying winds; fine.”

On the 13th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has fallen on the China coast, especially about the Formosa Channel. Pressure appears to be lowest in the Pacific to the E of Formosa. Gradients slight for E winds to the N of Formosa, and for SW winds on the S coast.” Forecast:—“light or moderate SW winds; fine.”

On the 14th at 11.40 a.—“The barometer continues to fall on the China coast, particularly about the Formosa Channel. A small depression, apparently moving towards NW, seems to be situated near N. Formosa. Gradients slight for SW winds on the S coast.” Forecast:—“moderate SW winds; fair to showery.”

On the 15th at 11.50 a.—“The barometer has risen in S. China, fallen in the extreme North. The small depression seems to have entered the coast to the N. of Foochow during the night. Another depression is, this morning, passing from the continent into the N. part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients slight for S winds on the S coast.” Forecast:—“moderate S winds; mostly fair, but probably some showers.”

On the 26th at 11.50 a.—“The barometer has risen a little in the North, and is inclined to fall in the South. Pressure is slightly high on the E. coast of China, normal on the S. coast, and low apparently in the neighbourhood of N. Luzon where a cyclonic depression probably exists. Gradients slight but increasing for NE winds on the SE coast of China.” Forecast:—“moderate or fresh NE winds; fair.”

On the 27th at 10 a.—Red South Cone hoisted. At 10.30 a.—“Typhoon W. of N. Luzon probably moving WNW.” At 11.0 a.—“The barometer has fallen generally, particularly on the S. coast of China. Gradients are becoming rather steep for NE winds along the S. and SE coasts.” Forecast:—“NE winds, probably increasing considerably; fair to unsettled and squally with rain.” At 5.15 p.—Black South Cone hoisted.

On the 28th at 10.55 a.—“Typhoon South of Gap Rock, approaching the coast to the West of Macao. Fresh, possibly strong, E to SE gale with rain squalls, probable in the harbour.” At 6.35 p.—Black Ball hoisted.

On the 29th at 10.45 a.—“The centre of the typhoon seems to be now entering the coast midway between Macao and Hoihow. The barometer is rising in the neighbourhood of Hongkong, falling at Haiphong.” Forecast:—“strong to fresh SE winds; squally, showery.” At 6.10 p.—Black Ball lowered.

On the 30th at 11.35 a.—“The typhoon is felt in the North part of the Gulf of Tongking. The barometer has risen in the neighbourhood of Hongkong, fallen in Haiphong. Pressure is high over the Pacific to the S. of Japan. Gradients moderate for SE winds to the northward of Hongkong, steep to the Westward.” Forecast:—“fresh to moderate SE winds; showery and squally at first, then improving.”

On the 31st at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen a little in Haiphong, but the recent typhoon exists still as a shallow depression to the N. of Tongking. Pressure is again giving way on the China coast, and there are slight indications of the existence of low pressure in the Pacific to the SE of Formosa. Gradients mostly slight for E winds on the China coast.” Forecast:—“moderate E winds; showery.”

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Hongkong Observatory, 11th August, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 344.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Monday, the 22nd August next, for—

- (1.) The removal of excretal matters from all Government buildings within the city of Victoria and from all public and private tenements situated in the Hill Districts, and the management of the free public latrines in the City of Victoria.
- (2.) The removal of excretal matters from all Government buildings and from all public or private tenements within the City of Victoria and in the Hill Districts and the management of the free public latrines in the City of Victoria.

For conditions of each contract apply at the Sanitary Board Offices, Beaconsfield House.

No tender will be received unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Treasury the sum of \$250 as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the person tendering refuses to enter into the usual bond, should his tender be accepted.

Tenders may be offered for either or both of the contracts; only one of the above contracts will be finally entered into by the Government.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th July, 1898.