

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 456.

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

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th October, 1898.

EXTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MADE AT THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 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,.....	29.78	88.3	82.4	79.7	81	0.90	56	9.7	...	SW by W	6.2
2,.....	.84	84.5	80.6	76.8	85	.89	70	3.6	0.990	W by S	4.3
3,.....	.87	85.8	78.7	74.0	87	.85	91	3.1	0.615	WSW	5.1
4,.....	.89	83.1	80.6	77.9	85	.89	87	1.7	0.005	SW	5.8
5,.....	.87	87.2	81.9	78.0	79	.86	41	10.8	...	SW by W	5.8
6,.....	.85	88.9	82.4	73.2	80	.89	40	10.7	...	SW by W	6.6
7,.....	.87	88.6	82.7	77.4	79	.88	29	11.3	...	SW by W	5.0
8,.....	.87	88.2	82.5	78.4	79	.83	26	10.7	...	W by S	4.0
9,.....	.85	88.3	82.0	78.1	77	.84	55	10.0	...	SW by W	4.7
10,.....	.85	83.4	79.0	75.6	80	.79	93	1.5	...	E by S	7.3
11,.....	.88	81.5	77.6	73.7	84	.80	79	3.9	0.610	E by N	11.4
12,.....	.87	82.6	78.0	73.8	86	.83	68	7.2	0.770	E	11.6
13,.....	.84	86.0	79.6	76.1	85	.86	66	7.8	0.115	E by N	4.2
14,.....	.82	85.6	79.7	76.4	85	.85	66	4.7	0.115	E by N	4.5
15,.....	.82	84.3	80.0	76.3	82	.84	62	8.9	0.005	ESE	9.1
16,.....	.83	83.8	80.3	77.0	83	.86	74	5.8	0.380	E	15.0
17,.....	.84	83.4	80.1	75.5	81	.84	49	4.2	0.115	E	15.6
18,.....	.85	84.8	81.1	79.1	76	.80	17	10.8	...	E	13.0
19,.....	.85	85.6	81.5	77.9	77	.83	39	9.5	...	E	10.1
20,.....	.89	85.1	81.2	78.3	77	.82	40	9.8	...	E by S	10.8
21,.....	.93	84.3	80.4	76.7	74	.77	20	10.6	...	E	10.4
22,.....	.94	86.0	81.2	76.8	70	.74	52	8.9	...	ESE	7.6
23,.....	.94	86.1	81.4	78.3	77	.83	93	5.0	...	SE by E	4.7
24,.....	.96	88.2	80.2	78.0	81	.84	87	2.7	...	SW by S	2.7
25,.....	.95	87.7	80.9	77.3	79	.84	79	5.5	0.060	E	4.3
26,.....	.92	86.0	80.5	77.0	85	.88	83	3.8	0.660	E by S	6.6
27,.....	.92	84.7	81.4	78.9	83	.89	58	6.6	0.680	E by S	11.5
28,.....	.90	83.5	82.5	78.0	79	.87	22	10.6	...	SW by W	3.0
29,.....	.80	83.8	82.4	78.9	83	.92	46	8.4	0.175	W	6.4
30,.....	.65	90.0	84.0	78.8	64	.74	43	11.0	...	NW by N	12.3
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Mean or Total,	29.87	86.0	80.9	77.2	80	0.84	58	218.8	5.295.	E by S	7.7

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

On the 7th at 11.25 a.—“The barometer has risen slightly on the China coast, fallen in the Sea of Japan. Pressure remains near the normal on the China coast, and is low probably in E. Japan, a depression, moving in a NE direction, having entered S. Japan yesterday. Gradients slight on the China coast generally.” Forecast:—“light SW winds; fine.”

On the 29th at 11.40 a.—“The barometer has risen on the E coast of China, fallen on the S and SE coasts. The low pressure area in the North has probably moved into the Sea of Japan. In the South, there are indications that a depression is forming in the neighbourhood of N Luzon. Gradients increasing for NE winds on the China coast.” Forecast:—“moderate N winds; fair.” At 1.45 p.—“A typhoon exists to the East of Bashee Channel.” Red Drum hoisted.

On the 30th at 10.30 a.—“The typhoon is situated in the South part of the Formosa Channel, moving Westnorthwest at present.” Forecast:—“North to Northwest winds, strong; squally. Bad weather off the coast to the Eastward of Hongkong.” At 4.15 p.—“The typhoon is, at present, moving towards a point on the coast between Amoy and Swatow.”—Black Drum hoisted.

On the 1st October at 9 a.—Black Drum lowered. At 11.25 a.—“The typhoon entered the coast this morning near Amoy and will now, probably, soon fill up.”—The E. E. Telegraph Company’s station, Sharp Peak, reports, “Terrific typhoon passed over during the night.”—“The barometer has risen on the E. coast, and is inclined to rise in Hongkong.”—Forecast:—“strong to fresh NW winds; squally, some rain. Very strong NE monsoon along the E. coast.”

On the 2nd at 11.50 a.—“The barometer has risen rapidly between Hongkong and Foochow and a slight rise has taken place in other areas. Pressure is high over N. China with rather steep gradients, for NE winds, on the coast generally.” Forecast:—“fresh N to NE winds; fair. Strong NE monsoon along the whole of the China coast.”

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Director.

Hongkong Observatory, 8th October, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 457.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Tuesday, the 18th October, 1898, for carrying out certain drainage improvements in the village of Shaukiwan, *i.e.*, extending Nullahs, &c.

No work will be permitted on Sundays.

For form of tender, specification and further particulars apply at the Public Works Office.

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

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary’s Office, Hongkong, 8th October, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 458.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Wednesday, the 19th October, 1898, for certain road surfacing works to be done, a meter house to be built and concrete roofs to be constructed for water tanks at the Peak.

No work will be permitted on Sundays.

For form of tender, specification and further particulars apply at the Public Works Office.

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

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 421.

The following Lot of Crown Land at Macdonnell Road, (between Kennedy and Bowen Roads), will be sold by Public Auction on Monday, the 10th day of October, 1898, at 3 p.m.

Inland Lot No. 1,509.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see page 945 of the *Government Gazette* for 1898.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary’s Office, Hongkong, 24th September, 1898.