

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 506.

It is hereby notified that the street hitherto called "Station Street, Yaumati," has been divided, and will hereafter be known as "Station Street, South," and "Station Street, North," the Police Station at Yaumati forming the boundary between the two streets.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th November, 1898.

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

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

EXTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MADE AT THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 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,.....	29.65	85.6	77.5	70.8	66	0.63	85	0.2	0.040	NW by N	15.5
2,.....	.84	76.2	70.9	67.9	67	.51	100	1.8	0.020	N	7.0
3,.....	.88	79.3	73.3	68.6	90	.74	99	0.0	2.320	NE by E	7.5
4,.....	.89	83.1	77.2	71.3	76	.71	94	3.2	0.930	NNE	14.6
5,.....	.95	75.9	72.3	70.1	68	.54	99	0.1	...	N by E	21.7
6,.....	30.00	76.3	72.4	68.9	61	.49	77	1.7	...	N	21.2
7,.....	29.99	80.4	74.2	69.1	50	.42	64	5.5	...	N	20.3
8,.....	.97	79.7	74.2	70.0	51	.43	86	2.6	...	N by E	17.6
9,.....	.95	73.1	69.2	65.7	80	.57	100	0.0	0.840	N	14.1
10,.....	.99	69.8	68.9	66.7	87	.62	100	0.0	1.660	N	15.4
11,.....	30.02	71.6	69.3	66.8	90	.65	86	0.2	0.530	NE by E	7.1
12,.....	29.98	79.6	74.2	70.1	73	.62	10	10.4	...	E by N	6.8
13,.....	.97	82.1	75.2	69.6	68	.60	0	10.2	...	NNE	5.0
14,.....	.92	81.6	75.9	70.7	69	.61	0	10.5	...	N by E	5.7
15,.....	.84	83.4	76.0	70.6	65	.59	46	9.9	...	E by N	5.2
16,.....	.78	83.3	76.3	70.1	54	.49	78	9.1	...	NE by N	7.8
17,.....	.75	85.2	78.6	72.5	40	.40	77	5.3	...	N by W	7.2
18,.....	.79	86.9	80.4	75.5	48	.50	64	5.5	...	NW by N	8.4
19,.....	.81	88.5	80.7	77.0	56	.59	54	7.4	...	W	7.9
20,.....	.84	85.6	80.0	75.6	65	.67	25	10.6	...	W by S	4.6
21,.....	.92	82.9	78.3	75.3	77	.74	16	10.4	...	E by S	10.4
22,.....	30.00	79.3	76.5	74.6	78	.72	46	7.7	...	E by S	15.3
23,.....	.00	80.4	76.2	74.1	74	.67	17	10.1	...	E by N	19.0
24,.....	29.92	81.9	76.5	73.4	78	.72	19	10.1	...	E	9.0
25,.....	.87	84.4	77.3	70.8	77	.73	27	10.3	...	SE by E	7.9
26,.....	.88	86.1	77.7	73.1	55	.53	60	9.1	...	NNE	13.8
27,.....	.91	82.4	74.8	69.0	47	.41	83	6.3	...	N by E	16.0
28,.....	.95	73.2	69.1	65.3	78	.56	99	0.1	0.350	NNW	9.2
29,.....	.99	73.5	69.9	66.6	80	.59	97	0.4	0.015	N	6.3
30,.....	.99	79.9	73.7	70.4	69	.57	84	4.4	...	N	13.0
31,.....	30.00	80.3	73.8	68.5	68	.57	85	5.5	0.015	N by E	16.2
Mean or Total,	29.91	80.4	74.9	70.6	68	0.59	64	168.6	6.720	N by E	11.5

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

On the 11th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has fallen slightly on the E coast of China, risen a little on the S coast. Pressure is high over China and in defect, probably, over the SE part of the China Sea and in the Pacific to the E of Luzon. Gradients moderate with strong monsoon on the coast and in the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“fresh NE winds; rainy at first, probably improving later.”

On the 12th at 11.45 a.—“The barometer has fallen slightly and is now normal on the China coast, with higher pressure over the interior of China. Low pressure seems to extend from the SE part of the China Sea into the Pacific to the E of Luzon. Gradients slight for NE winds on the coast, moderate with strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“moderate or light NE and N winds; fine.”

On the 13th at 10.45 a.—“A typhoon seems to be moving, in a Westerly direction, across N Luzon.” At 11.25 a.—“Pressure is still normal on the China coast, but inclined to give way. Gradients slight on the coast, steep with N and NE gales in the NE part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“NE and N winds, probably freshening; fair.” At 5.20 p. Red South Cone hoisted.

On the 14th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer continues to fall slowly on the China coast. The typhoon, situated to the W. of N. Luzon, seems to be moving slowly. It may recurve and re-enter the Pacific, pressure being also low, apparently, in the neighbourhood of the Loochoos. Gradients slight on the coast, steep with N and NE gales in the NE part of the China Sea.”—Forecast:—“moderate N winds; fine.”

On the 15th at 11.25 a.—“The barometer has fallen moderately on the China coast. The typhoon seems to be lying yet to the W of N Luzon, its position being apparently very little changed since yesterday. In the North, a depression appears to be situated in the W part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients slight on the coast, steep with N and NE gales in the NE part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“moderate NE and N winds; fine.”

On the 16th at 11.50 a.—“The barometer has fallen moderately in S China and is inclined to rise in the North. The observations indicate some advance of the typhoon in a Northerly direction, from its position to the W of N Luzon yesterday. The Northern depression is moving Eastwards in the N part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients increasing for N and NE winds on the China coast.” Forecast:—“moderate to fresh N winds; fair.” At 2.30 p.—“Typhoon, at 10 a.m., near Bashee Channel moving North-east.” Red Drum hoisted.

On the 17th at 11.40 a.—“The barometer has fallen slightly on the S and SE coasts of China, risen a little on the E coast. The typhoon seems to be still lying to the SW of Bashee Channel, but owing to its slow rate of progression its direction of motion is very uncertain.” Forecast:—“moderate or fresh N winds; fair.”

On the 18th at 11.50 a. Red Drum lowered. “The barometer has risen slightly on the China coast, but is still low particularly on the S and SE coasts. The depression, which probably remains central to the SW of the Bashee Channel, seems to be filling up.” Forecast:—“moderate or fresh N winds; fair.”

On the 19th at 11.50 a.—“The barometer has risen much in the extreme North, and remains almost steady on the China coast. Pressure is high over NE China, still low off the S and SE coasts and over Formosa.” Forecast:—“N winds, fresh and squally; fine.”

On the 20th at 11.0 a.—“The depression, first noted on the morning of the 11th, is approaching the coast near Amoy. Barometric changes on other parts of the coast are unimportant. Gradients slight except in the Formosa Channel.” Forecast:—“moderate or fresh N winds; fine.”

On the 21st at 11.50 a.—“The barometer has risen on the China coast generally. The depression has either filled up in the Formosa Channel, or recurved over N Formosa. In the North, a depression is moving Eastwards in the E part of the Sea of Japan. Pressure is highest in N China.” Forecast:—“NE winds, moderate to fresh; fine.”

On the 23rd at 11.40 a.—“Barometric changes are unimportant. Pressure remains normal over S China and slightly low in the Pacific to the E of the Philippines. Gradients slight with moderate monsoon on the China coast.” Forecast:—“moderate NE winds; fine.”

On the 24th at 11.35 a.—“The barometer has fallen on the China coast generally. Pressure is in defect, but highest over China, and lowest in a depression lying over the Philippines. Gradients slight on the coast, moderate in the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“moderate or light NE to N winds; fine.”

On the 25th at 10.30 a.—“The centre of the typhoon seems to be situated in N. Luzon, probably moving WNW at present.” At 11.35 a.—“The barometer has fallen generally, particularly in S China. Gradients, for N and NE winds, increasing on the coast and over the NE part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“moderate or fresh N winds; fair.”

On the 26th at 10 a.—Red Drum hoisted. At 11.35 a.—“The barometer has risen slightly on the E and SE coasts of China, and is unchanged on the S coast. The typhoon appears to be situated to the W of N Luzon, moving slowly. Pressure is high over N China. Gradients rather steep with NE gales in the Formosa Channel and over the NE part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“fresh or strong N winds; fair but squally.”

On the 27th at 11.30 a.—“The barometer has risen generally, particularly on the E coast of China. The typhoon seems to be, at present, filling up to the West of the Balingtang Channel. High pressure covers N China. Gradients rather steep with N and NE gales off the China coast and in the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“fresh or strong N winds; fair but squally.”

On the 28th at 11.30 a.—“The barometer has risen slightly on the E coast of China, and remains almost steady on the S coast. The depression, which is apparently slowly filling up, seems to be still lying in the NE part of the China Sea. Pressure is high over N China. Gradients continue rather steep with N and NE gales off the China coast and in the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“fresh or strong N winds; squally, some rain.” At 4.15 p.—Red Drum lowered.

On the 29th at 11.45 a.—“The barometer has fallen on the E coast of China, risen on the S coast. Pressure is high over N China and low, probably, in the Pacific to the E of the Philippines. Gradients moderate with fresh monsoon on the China coast.” Forecast:—“moderate N winds; cloudy, some rain.”

On the 30th at 11.15 a.—“The barometer has fallen in the extreme North and remains almost steady on the China coast. The depression lying in the Pacific to the E of the Philippines yesterday, seems to be advancing towards SE Luzon. Pressure is highest over China. Gradients moderate with fresh monsoon on the coast and strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“moderate N to NE winds; fair.”

On the 31st at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen on the E coast of China, and remains steady on the S Coast. Pressure is high over N China, low in the NE part of the China Sea. Gradients rather steep on the China coast and in the NE part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“fresh N and NE winds; fair.”

On the 1st November at 11.40 a.—“The barometer has risen in the extreme North and remains almost steady elsewhere. Pressure is high over N. China, low in the NE part of the China Sea. Gradients continue rather steep on the coast and in the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“fresh N and NE winds; cloudy, some rain.”

On the 2nd at 11.25 a.—“The barometer has fallen on the China coast, particularly on the E coast. Pressure remains high over N China, and low in an area lying between the NE part of the China Sea and the Loochoos. Gradients moderate on the coast and in the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“moderate N winds; cloudy, rainy.”

On the 3rd at 11.35 a.—“The barometer is inclined to rise on the China coast. Pressure is high over N China, and low in a shallow area probably lying over W Japan. Gradients moderate with fresh monsoon on the coast and in the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“moderate or fresh N winds; cloudy, some rain.”

W. DOBERCK,
Director.

Hongkong Observatory, 9th November, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 508.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 26th November, 1898, for the supply of dry earth for sanitary purposes to Victoria Gaol for the space of one year from the 1st January next.

The earth to be procured from a spot to be pointed out by the Director of Public Works in the vicinity of the McDonnell Road, and to be delivered at Victoria Gaol at such times and in such quantities as may be required.

For further information apply at the Superintendent's Office, Victoria Gaol.

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, 9th November, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 509.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 26th November, 1898, for the purchase of Waste Food from Victoria Gaol for the ensuing year, commencing 1st January, 1899, to 31st December, 1899, inclusive.

This consists of the Kitchen Refuse and Waste of Rice, Congee, Vegetables, Fish, &c. averaging 100 lbs. daily.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For particulars apply at the Office of the Superintendent, Victoria Gaol.

By Command,

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