

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 562.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

NOTICE.

Application for Passage Brokers' Licences for the year 1899 under Ordinance 1 of 1889 will be received at this Office from the 12th instant to the 30th instant.

Applicants are requested to state the names and addresses of the parties they offer as sureties.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, Retd. Comdr., R.N.,
Emigration Officer, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 7th December, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 563.

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

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th December, 1898.

EXTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MADE AT THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 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,..... | 29.99 | 75.4 | 71.1 | 68.8 | 67 | 0.52 | 95 | 0.0 | ... | N by E | 18.3 |
| 2,..... | .93 | 70.0 | 67.3 | 65.5 | 83 | .55 | 100 | 0.0 | 0.690 | N | 14.7 |
| 3,..... | .96 | 74.1 | 69.6 | 66.1 | 80 | .57 | 99 | 0.0 | 0.040 | NNE | 14.4 |
| 4,..... | 30.04 | 74.2 | 70.6 | 67.3 | 86 | .64 | 98 | 0.2 | 0.020 | NE by E | 16.2 |
| 5,..... | .05 | 77.6 | 72.1 | 68.9 | 83 | .65 | 79 | 5.5 | ... | E by N | 15.0 |
| 6,..... | .03 | 82.1 | 74.0 | 70.1 | 73 | .62 | 69 | 7.7 | ... | ENE | 16.0 |
| 7,..... | .02 | 81.4 | 74.1 | 69.5 | 71 | .60 | 60 | 8.6 | ... | NE by E | 12.1 |
| 8,..... | .01 | 79.4 | 72.6 | 67.0 | 55 | .44 | 69 | 3.3 | ... | N | 22.1 |
| 9,..... | .01 | 76.5 | 70.7 | 65.1 | 40 | .30 | 49 | 6.1 | ... | N | 20.0 |
| 10,..... | .02 | 70.7 | 67.1 | 63.9 | 56 | .37 | 90 | 0.0 | 0.040 | NE | 11.3 |
| 11,..... | 29.98 | 80.4 | 71.0 | 65.6 | 64 | .48 | 79 | 6.5 | ... | NE by E | 8.7 |
| 12,..... | .88 | 79.2 | 72.1 | 67.1 | 60 | .48 | 75 | 2.0 | ... | N by W | 5.5 |
| 13,..... | .78 | 79.1 | 72.9 | 69.8 | 65 | .53 | 72 | 2.9 | ... | SW by W | 5.0 |
| 14,..... | .78 | 81.1 | 74.7 | 69.0 | 61 | .54 | 51 | 3.7 | ... | WNW | 6.2 |
| 15,..... | .80 | 82.8 | 75.6 | 69.1 | 56 | .50 | 51 | 7.8 | ... | N | 9.3 |
| 16,..... | .84 | 79.1 | 73.6 | 69.2 | 66 | .55 | 60 | 5.2 | ... | N | 5.0 |
| 17,..... | .91 | 76.7 | 71.9 | 67.2 | 66 | .51 | 85 | 4.5 | ... | N by W | 6.1 |
| 18,..... | .95 | 78.2 | 72.4 | 68.0 | 61 | .49 | 39 | 9.0 | ... | N by E | 8.8 |
| 19,..... | .98 | 75.4 | 71.1 | 66.9 | 77 | .58 | 19 | 8.9 | ... | E | 9.6 |
| 20,..... | .91 | 81.0 | 72.8 | 66.9 | 72 | .58 | 31 | 9.3 | ... | N | 5.3 |
| 21,..... | .96 | 77.0 | 69.4 | 59.0 | 46 | .33 | 49 | 7.3 | ... | N | 14.1 |
| 22,..... | 30.14 | 64.9 | 59.0 | 54.7 | 42 | .21 | 0 | 9.8 | ... | N | 15.9 |
| 23,..... | .21 | 65.0 | 58.8 | 50.6 | 49 | .25 | 14 | 9.2 | ... | NE | 9.5 |
| 24,..... | .21 | 70.0 | 65.3 | 60.6 | 58 | .36 | 78 | 1.1 | ... | ENE | 11.2 |
| 25,..... | .18 | 75.9 | 68.6 | 64.4 | 64 | .45 | 24 | 9.5 | ... | ENE | 8.3 |
| 26,..... | .23 | 69.8 | 64.9 | 60.1 | 34 | .21 | 15 | 9.8 | ... | N by E | 16.0 |
| 27,..... | .32 | 69.0 | 63.4 | 56.3 | 23 | .14 | 7 | 9.6 | ... | N by E | 18.0 |
| 28,..... | .35 | 64.8 | 61.7 | 54.3 | 42 | .23 | 26 | 9.1 | ... | NE by E | 17.5 |
| 29,..... | .28 | 70.1 | 64.8 | 59.4 | 60 | .37 | 49 | 9.2 | ... | E by N | 13.7 |
| 30,..... | .16 | 76.1 | 68.1 | 62.3 | 61 | .42 | 45 | 6.8 | ... | WNW | 4.1 |
| | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Mean or Total, | 30.03 | 75.2 | 69.4 | 64.4 | 61 | 0.45 | 56 | 171.1 | 0.790 | NE by N | 11.9 |

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

On the 10th at 11.45 a.—“Barometric changes are slight. Pressure is high over the interior of China and a depression lies in the NE part of the Sea of Japan. Pressure is still low in the China Sea between Annam and the Philippines. Gradients moderate on the coast, steep with very strong monsoon in the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“fresh N to NE winds ; cloudy, some drizzling rain or mist.”

On the 11th at 10.30 a.—“A depression, apparently moving WNW, seems to be situated in SE Luzon. The barometer has risen much in the extreme North, and is inclined to fall on the China coast. The depression, lying in the North of the Sea of Japan yesterday, has passed to the Eastward and pressure is now high over NE China. Gradients for N and NE winds increasing on the coast and in the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“fresh N winds ; fair.”

On the 12th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has fallen decidedly on the China coast. The typhoon is situated in central Luzon, moving WNW at present. Pressure is highest over N China. Gradients increasing for N and NE winds on the China coast.” Forecast :—“moderate or fresh N winds ; fair. N and NE gales in the Formosa Channel and in the NE part of the China Sea.”

On the 13th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has continued to fall rather quickly on the China coast. The typhoon seems to be situated off the NW coast of Luzon, probably moving slowly in a Northerly direction at present. Another depression exists in N. China, and pressure is highest over Japan.” Forecast :—“moderate or fresh N winds ; fair. N and NE gales in the NE part of the China Sea.”

On the 14th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen slightly on the E coast of China, fallen a little on the SE coast. The typhoon appears to be situated near Bashee Channel, probably moving NNE. Gradients moderate, except in the Formosa Channel.” Forecast :—“moderate or fresh NW to N winds ; fair.”

On the 15th at 11.45 a.—“The barometer has risen slightly on the E coast of China, and continues almost steady on the S and SE coasts. The typhoon seems to be situated near S Formosa, apparently moving slowly towards NNE. Pressure is highest over N China. Gradients rather steep off the China coast.” Forecast :—“fresh NW and N winds ; fair but squally. N and NE gales in the Formosa Channel.”

On the 16th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has fallen slightly on the E coast of China, risen a little on the S coast. The typhoon appears to be situated near N Formosa, moving towards NNE. Pressure is highest over N China. Gradients rather steep with very strong monsoon on the E coast and in the Formosa Channel.” Forecast :—“fresh N winds ; fair but squally.”

On the 17th at 11.40 a.—“The barometer has fallen on the E coast, risen in S China. The depression, now situated to the W of the Loochoos, is moving NE towards SW Japan. High pressure covers N China. Gradients steep on the E coast of China, slight in the South.” Forecast :—“moderate N winds ; fine.”

On the 18th 11.40 a.—“The barometer continues to rise in S China. Pressure is still in defect on the coast with higher pressure over the interior of China. The depression has probably reached W Japan. Gradients slight on the coast, increasing with the monsoon freshening in the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“moderate to fresh N winds ; fine.”

On the 19th at 11.30 a.—“The barometer has risen in S. China. Pressure is probably highest over N China, and low in the neighbourhood of the Philippine Archipelago. Gradients moderate with fresh monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“moderate or fresh NE winds ; fine.”

On the 20th at 11 30 a.—“The barometer has fallen in S. China. Pressure is highest over the interior of China, and the depression seems to be lying over Central Luzon. Gradients moderate to rather steep with strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“moderate or fresh N. winds ; fine.”

On the 21st at 11.20 a.—“Pressure is very little changed in S. China. The depression is probably situated in the neighbourhood of S. Formosa, apparently moving towards NNE at present. Pressure is increasing over the interior of China. Gradients rather steep in the Formosa Channel and in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“fresh to strong N winds ; fair but squally.”

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Hongkong Observatory, 9th December, 1898.