

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 332.

The following Extract of Meteorological Observations, made at the Hongkong Observatory during the month of May, 1899, is published.

By Command,

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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th June, 1899.

EXTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MADE AT THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY
DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1899.

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,.....	29.88	83.1	76.7	70.2	77	0.71	50	8.8	...	N	3.7
2,.....	.95	86.0	78.1	73.2	67	.65	36	9.0	...	E by S	8.9
3,.....	.94	80.5	75.5	71.5	75	.66	4	10.1	...	E by S	10.3
4,.....	.91	80.4	75.3	71.3	78	.69	31	8.0	...	ESE	7.5
5,.....	.86	81.7	75.8	72.7	79	.70	64	6.5	...	E	7.6
6,.....	.85	80.2	76.5	74.2	85	.77	99	0.7	...	E by S	10.6
7,.....	.86	75.1	72.4	70.8	93	.74	100	0.0	1.355	E by N	20.7
8,.....	.87	76.3	72.5	68.7	92	.73	100	0.0	1.940	ENE	12.4
9,.....	.95	80.2	73.1	67.6	63	.51	79	7.7	...	NNE	5.7
10,.....	30.01	79.7	74.4	70.7	71	.60	64	9.9	...	E by S	8.6
11,.....	.02	79.8	75.4	70.1	58	.51	25	11.1	...	E	13.6
12,.....	.08	79.3	75.0	72.8	57	.50	69	3.7	...	E by N	22.0
13,.....	.06	80.3	75.4	71.6	66	.58	10	11.3	...	E	15.2
14,.....	29.98	78.7	75.5	73.1	80	.71	47	9.9	...	E	12.8
15,.....	.94	81.5	76.7	73.0	84	.77	75	0.3	...	ENE	2.6
16,.....	.93	83.6	77.8	74.1	81	.77	68	6.1	...	W by N	4.1
17,.....	.95	83.2	78.1	74.7	84	.81	52	9.7	...	E	9.6
18,.....	.94	81.4	77.8	75.9	84	.81	53	10.6	...	E by S	15.7
19,.....	.86	85.9	79.6	75.6	78	.79	51	10.4	...	SSE	7.0
20,.....	.79	87.7	80.8	76.8	78	.82	60	9.2	...	SW by W	5.2
21,.....	.76	85.0	81.3	77.7	81	.86	75	2.7	...	SSW	6.5
22,.....	.73	86.0	81.5	78.3	80	.85	96	0.5	0.015	S by E	9.2
23,.....	.71	85.4	81.5	79.2	82	.88	97	0.7	...	SSE	6.0
24,.....	.71	86.0	80.9	78.2	84	.88	75	7.7	0.005	ESE	13.1
25,.....	.67	84.6	80.1	77.3	80	.83	79	9.3	0.005	E	13.5
26,.....	.61	88.5	82.6	77.8	75	.83	40	11.0	...	W	9.3
27,.....	.65	88.2	81.0	78.2	85	.90	89	3.7	0.210	SE by S	3.9
28,.....	.71	78.9	77.0	74.4	93	.86	100	0.2	1.990	E by S	13.2
29,.....	.78	76.6	75.5	74.2	95	.84	100	0.0	1.265	E	22.7
30,.....	.81	84.9	80.3	76.6	88	.91	94	1.4	0.300	S by E	10.3
31,.....	.80	85.0	81.7	78.3	83	.90	99	0.1	0.080	SSW	9.1
Mean or Total,	29.86	82.4	77.6	74.2	79	0.75	67	180.3	7.165	E by S	10.3

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

On the 23rd at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has fallen in the Formosa Channel and is little changed elsewhere. Pressure is highest over the E. coast of China and in Japan, and low in S. China, and also in a trough, between NE and SW winds, extending across the China Sea and the Philippines in about 13° Lat. Gradients slight on the China coast.” Forecast:—“SW and varying winds, light to moderate; unsettled, showery.”

On the 24th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has fallen in the extreme North, risen on the China coast except in the South. Pressure is low in the Sea of Japan, and also in a trough, between NE and SW winds, lying across the middle part of the China Sea. Gradients slight to moderate for E winds on the China coast.” Forecast:—“moderate or fresh E winds; fair.” At 5.10 p.—“Depression in the China Sea to the South of Hongkong.” Red South Cone hoisted.

On the 25th at 11.40 a.--"The barometer is falling on the China coast. The depression, situated to the Southward of Hongkong probably in about 18° Lat., seems to be moving slowly Northwards at present." Forecast:—"NE winds, probably freshening considerably; squally, showery. Bad weather in the N. part of the China Sea."

On the 26th at 10.30 a.—Black Drum hoisted. At 11.10 a.--"The barometer has fallen considerably on the S. and SE coasts of China. The depression seems to be situated to the South of Swatow, and moving towards the S. part of the Formosa Channel." Forecast.—"NW to SW winds; fair, squally." At 4.15 p.—Black Drum lowered.

On the 27th at 11.25 a.—"The barometer has risen slightly on the China coast, except in the N. part of the Formosa Channel. The depression is probably crossing Formosa and moving towards NE. Gradients steep for NE winds on the E. coast of China, slight in the South." Forecast:—"SW and varying winds, moderate; unsettled, squally, thunderstorms probable."

On the 28th at 11.55 a.—"The barometer has risen on the China coast, particularly in the Formosa Channel. The depression is probably situated to the N. of the Loochoos, and moving towards S. Japan. Gradients moderate for NE winds on the China coast, except in the South." Forecast:—"variable and E winds, moderate or fresh; unsettled, rainy."

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Hongkong Observatory, 9th June, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 305.

The following Lot of Crown Land at Macdonnell Road, (between Kennedy and Bowen Roads), will be sold by Public Auction on Monday, the 12th day of June, 1899, at 3 p.m.

Inland Lot No. 1,543.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see page 817 of the *Government Gazette* for 1899.

By Command,

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th May, 1899.

List of unclaimed Telegrams lying in the Joint Telegraph Companies

Offices at Hongkong.

Activity.	Molchanoff, Steamer <i>Indus</i> .
Baesler.	Munshan.
Baldimento.	Pescio.
Cass c/o Peninsular.	Phillips c/o Panjom Mining Co.
Cheong c/o Yikloong Iron Shop, West Point.	Putnam.
Chinchap.	Regidor.
Curtis.	Robinson.
Chianglong.	Sanger.
Francis—Daniel.	Taicheong.
George.	Thornton.
Glaess.	Tinwahsek Chiatho.
Hongshwesing c/o Yeetaysing.	Winhmao.
Jackson.	Wooitung.
Kinguan.	Yuenshing.
Kongsiongthye.	657.
Kwongyuepoon.	3872.
Luenfat.	7893.

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Hongkong Station, 10th June, 1899.