

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 629.

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

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th November, 1899.

EXTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MADE AT THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 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,.....	30.00	81.8	76.3	71.2	34	0.31	12	10.1	...	N by E	14.0
2,.....	29.97	84.0	76.1	71.6	37	.33	5	10.4	...	N by E	8.2
3,.....	.93	84.3	76.7	71.3	42	.38	5	10.5	...	N by W	7.2
4,.....	.87	84.3	78.0	74.1	48	.46	61	3.4	...	N by E	12.2
5,.....	.86	84.7	78.7	75.9	52	.52	60	8.9	...	ENE	13.6
6,.....	.92	85.3	77.5	73.2	61	.58	16	10.1	...	E	14.4
7,.....	30.04	79.3	71.6	66.1	62	.48	63	2.1	0.570	NE	17.1
8,.....	.10	80.7	75.2	71.0	56	.49	90	3.0	...	NE by E	16.8
9,.....	.10	78.1	75.1	71.6	58	.50	96	0.4	0.020	ENE	26.2
10,.....	.09	75.0	73.3	70.2	70	.57	100	0.0	0.025	E by N	24.9
11,.....	.07	76.4	74.7	73.6	67	.57	99	0.3	...	E by N	22.1
12,.....	.07	77.0	74.7	72.5	66	.57	89	4.0	...	E	24.5
13,.....	.09	77.8	75.0	72.9	75	.65	56	7.1	...	E	23.0
14,.....	.02	80.9	76.0	73.1	77	.69	37	9.2	...	E by S	9.6
15,.....	29.99	86.4	78.8	73.7	78	.77	55	8.8	...	W	3.9
16,.....	30.05	81.2	76.9	74.4	75	.70	59	6.5	...	E	18.5
17,.....	.11	77.3	74.2	72.2	75	.64	73	6.5	...	E by N	25.8
18,.....	.13	75.7	74.1	72.6	75	.63	61	8.4	...	E	21.1
19,.....	.10	79.7	74.6	72.4	77	.66	49	7.9	...	E by S	15.3
20,.....	.11	78.9	75.2	72.9	79	.70	66	6.6	0.005	E by S	15.5
21,.....	.12	79.9	75.8	73.6	77	.69	98	3.7	0.015	E	15.9
22,.....	.06	80.0	75.7	73.2	78	.70	45	9.8	...	E by S	17.8
23,.....	.05	80.0	75.0	69.3	66	.58	74	5.3	...	NE by E	11.4
24,.....	.12	76.5	71.1	65.9	63	.48	46	9.2	...	E by N	11.1
25,.....	.14	76.9	72.7	69.3	67	.54	56	9.3	...	E	16.2
26,.....	.15	77.3	73.6	70.9	72	.60	61	7.3	...	E	18.4
27,.....	.11	80.7	74.4	71.4	68	.58	61	7.8	...	E	12.8
28,.....	.12	79.4	72.4	67.1	67	.53	79	7.2	0.200	E by N	10.5
29,.....	.14	74.8	71.3	67.6	74	.57	88	7.3	0.040	E by N	18.4
30,.....	.09	73.1	71.7	68.4	72	.56	72	8.6	...	E	22.7
31,.....	.00	76.0	73.5	70.8	81	.67	59	9.9	...	E	19.0
Mean or Total,	30.06	79.5	74.8	71.4	66	0.57	61	209.6	0.875	E by N	16.4

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

On the 1st at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen on the China coast, particularly in the North. The high pressure area still lies over China, and pressure remains in defect over the Pacific to the E. of Luzon. Gradients moderate to rather steep, with very strong monsoon on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“moderate N winds ; fine.”

On the 2nd at 11.40 a.—“The barometer is inclined to fall on the China coast. The high pressure area still covers China, and pressure remains low in the Pacific to the NE of Luzon. Gradients moderate to rather steep, with very strong monsoon in the Formosa Channel and N part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“moderate N winds ; fine.”

On the 3rd at 11.45 a.—“The barometer continues to fall slowly on the China coast. The low pressure area in the Pacific seems to be moving slowly, at present in a WNW direction towards the South of Formosa, but it will probably fill up or recurve. Pressure remains high over the interior of China. Gradients moderate to rather steep, with N and NE gales in the Formosa Channel and NE part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“moderate N winds ; fine.”

On the 4th at 12.5 p.—“The barometer has fallen on the China coast and over the Philippines. The depression seems to be situated near N. Luzon, and probably moving in a Westerly direction. The highest pressure lies over N China and Japan. Gradients moderate to rather steep, with strong monsoon on the coast generally, and gales in the NE part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“fresh N winds ; fair, squally.”

On the 5th at 11.45 a.—“The barometer has fallen moderately in Japan and slightly on the China coast: The depression is moving Northwards near the Loochoo islands, and will probably recurve over Japan. Gradients moderate in the South, rather steep in the North with fresh to strong monsoon on the coast and in the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“moderate N winds ; fine.”

On the 6th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen over the Philippines, and on the China coast, except in the North. The depression is probably moving to the NE near SW Japan. Gradients moderate with fresh monsoon in S. China and the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“moderate NE winds ; fine.”

On the 7th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen moderately on the China coast and over the Philippines, fallen rapidly in Japan. The depression is moving NE in Central Japan. Gradients moderate with fresh to strong monsoon on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“fresh NE winds ; fair.”

On the 8th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen on the China coast and over the Philippines. The depression has probably passed to the Eastward of Japan. Pressure is high over China with strong monsoon on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“fresh NE winds ; fair.”

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Hongkong Observatory, 9th November, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 630.

The following Returns of the Average amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st October, 1899, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th November, 1899.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	2,966,243	1,500,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	6,779,418	5,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,	442,294	150,000
TOTAL,	\$ 10,187,955	6,650,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 434.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1897, it is hereby notified that the Government proposes to erect a public latrine for 60 persons on the following site :—

On Crown Land, at the junction of Pound Lane with Taipingshan Street, bounded on the North by Taipingshan Street, on the East by Sui Hing Lane, on the South by Kat Cheung Lane, and on the West by Pound Lane.

Also a public latrine for 60 persons on the following site :—

On Crown Land, on the Praya Reclamation near the junction of Wing Lok Street with the Praya Central, bounded on the North and East by reclaimed land, on the South by Wing Lok Street, and on the West by a new street to be constructed.

Also a public latrine for 40 persons on the following site :—

On Crown Land, at the junction of Shing Wong and Gough Street, at No. 46 Gough Street, bounded on the East by No. 44 Gough Street, and opposite Nos. 29, 31 and 33 Gough Street, and situated under the play-ground attached to the Belilios Public School.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th July, 1899.