

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.”

W. DOBERCK,
Director.

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.