

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 697.

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

By Command,

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EXTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MADE AT THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 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,.....	30.08	79.4	74.8	72.6	77	0.67	95	3.6	...	E by S	13.5
2,.....	.15	74.5	72.3	70.3	81	.64	99	0.0	...	E	14.5
3,.....	.14	76.6	71.8	68.3	80	.62	89	1.6	0.035	E by N	11.7
4,.....	.14	73.9	69.8	66.7	77	.56	100	0.3	0.050	E by N	16.0
5,.....	.13	76.4	69.6	66.1	70	.51	99	2.8	...	NE by E	8.5
6,.....	.09	73.7	69.0	64.3	75	.53	86	2.7	...	E by N	12.3
7,.....	.04	74.8	71.2	68.8	77	.59	95	0.7	...	E	19.5
8,.....	.03	73.9	72.9	70.5	83	.67	93	0.6	...	E	28.7
9,.....	29.99	76.7	72.9	68.8	86	.70	91	0.7	0.025	E	22.6
10,.....	.95	80.1	75.2	71.6	79	.69	81	3.9	0.010	E	13.3
11,.....	.92	80.5	76.2	71.5	79	.72	84	4.4	...	E by S	14.6
12,.....	.86	80.2	75.3	70.1	81	.71	97	0.4	0.060	E by N	11.0
13,.....	.90	71.4	67.0	64.8	88	.58	100	0.0	1.325	NNE	9.3
14,.....	.99	70.3	67.0	64.4	83	.55	98	0.0	0.135	N by E	14.5
15,.....	30.04	77.2	70.1	65.3	59	.44	79	8.8	...	N by E	16.3
16,.....	.06	74.3	67.9	62.4	56	.38	57	8.2	...	N	11.5
17,.....	.07	74.0	66.8	61.1	48	.32	39	9.5	...	N by E	11.9
18,.....	.11	73.3	65.8	58.3	49	.31	1	10.2	...	N by W	5.6
19,.....	.15	75.7	67.3	60.2	55	.37	17	9.8	...	N by W	4.8
20,.....	.13	78.9	71.7	64.6	52	.40	91	4.2	...	N by E	6.3
21,.....	.16	73.1	69.7	65.8	51	.37	91	0.0	...	N by E	17.0
22,.....	.22	73.6	65.6	60.4	37	.23	19	9.9	...	N by E	20.9
23,.....	.27	67.3	60.2	54.3	35	.19	0	9.9	...	NE	10.2
24,.....	.22	69.6	61.0	54.7	46	.25	0	9.8	...	E by S	7.5
25,.....	.17	70.7	62.9	56.3	63	.36	12	9.7	...	N by E	6.7
26,.....	.23	71.5	63.4	58.0	42	.25	8	9.8	...	N by E	16.5
27,.....	.29	64.0	58.0	53.5	27	.13	15	9.5	...	N by E	19.1
28,.....	.26	62.4	56.7	50.7	51	.24	61	3.9	...	E by N	12.2
29,.....	.23	69.3	61.3	55.5	49	.27	43	9.0	...	N by E	8.0
30,.....	.27	66.5	60.5	52.8	33	.18	1	9.5	...	N by E	11.9
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Mean or Total,	30.11	73.5	67.8	63.1	62	0.45	61	153.4	1.640	E by N	13.2

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

On the 9th at 10.45 a.—“The barometer has fallen generally, particularly in the Southern Philippines. A depression, which is probably moving Westwards, seems to be situated to the SE of Luzon. Pressure is highest over Japan: Gradient moderate on the coast, rather steep with very strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“fresh E winds ; cloudy, some drizzling rain.”

On the 10th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has fallen on the China coast, particularly in the North ; risen in the Southern Philippines. The depression is probably moving Westwards off the SW coast of Luzon. Another depression lies over Central China. Gradients slight on the coast, rather steep with strong NE winds in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“moderate E winds ; cloudy, some drizzling rain.”

On the 11th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen slightly in the Philippines, fallen considerably in W Japan. The Southern depression is probably moving WNW between Palawan and the Paracels, and the Northern depression moving Eastwards between the E coast of China and Corea. Gradients slight on the coast, rather steep with strong NE winds in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“moderate or fresh E to N winds ; fair.”

On the 12th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen on the E. coast of China, fallen on the S. coast and over Japan. The Northern depression is moving Eastwards in the Sea of Japan, and the China Sea depression is probably moving towards the coast of Annam. Gradients moderate to rather steep, with increasing monsoon on the coast and in the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast.—“NE to N winds, freshening considerably ; cloudy, some rain.”

On the 13th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen on the China coast and over Japan. The depression in the North has passed to the E. of Japan, the China Sea depression seems to be near the Annam coast. There are also indications of the existence of an area of low pressure to the SE of Formosa. Gradients rather steep, with very strong monsoon in the Formosa Channel and N part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“fresh or strong NE winds; dull, rainy.”

On the 14th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen on the China coast and over Japan, fallen in the Philippines. A depression seems to be situated to the E. Luzon, and pressure is highest over the NE coast of China. Gradients moderate on the coast, rather steep with very strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“strong or fresh NE winds; rainy at first, probably improving later.”

On the 15th at 11.10 a.—“The barometer has risen in the Southern Philippines and on the China coast. The depression has entered the China Sea, and appears to be moving in a Westerly direction off the W. coast of Luzon. A high pressure area is central over Mid-China. Gradients steep, with heavy monsoon in the Formosa Channel and N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“strong N winds; fair.”

On the 16th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen in the Philippines, and is little changed on the China coast. The high pressure area is central over Mid-China, and the depression is probably recurving near Balingtang Channel. Gradients remain steep, with heavy weather in the Formosa Channel and NE part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“fresh N winds; fair.”

On the 17th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has fallen slightly on the E. coast of China, risen a little in Luzon. The depression seems to be almost stationary near the Balingtang Channel. The high pressure area remains central over Mid-China. Gradients continue steep, with heavy weather in the Formosa Channel and NE part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“fresh N winds; fine.”

On the 18th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen slightly at all stations. The depression seems to be filling up to the SE of Formosa. The high pressure area remains central over Mid-China. Gradients moderate to rather steep, with very strong monsoon on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast :—“fresh N winds; fine.”

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Hongkong Observatory, 8th December, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 698.

The following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 1899, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th December, 1899.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 1899, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Mong-Kok-Tsui, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 496.	Mong-Kok-Tsui,	feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.		\$	\$
			70	70	44.6	44.6	3,115	44	1,560

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

1. The highest bidder above the upset price shall be the Purchaser, and if any dispute arise between two or more bidders, the Lot shall be put up again at a former bidding.
2. No person shall at any bidding advance less than \$20.
3. Immediately after the fall of the hammer, the Purchaser shall sign the Memorandum of Agreement, hereinafter contained, for completing the purchase according to these Conditions, and shall, within Three Days of the day of sale, pay into the Colonial Treasury the full amount of Premium at which the Lot shall have been purchased.