GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 95.

In view of a recent accident involving loss of life, the attention of all persons having occasion to blast stone is called to the provisions of Section 59 of The Building Ordinance, 1889. That Section is as follows:—

"It shall not be lawful for any person to blast any stone with any explosive substance, in the Colony of Hongkong, unless he shall have fully covered over and weighted down the stone to be blasted with a sufficiently heavy timber shield or taken such other precautions as shall effectually prevent any fragments of such stone from being projected into the air, and unless in addition, he shall previously have fully warned all persons within a radius of five hundred feet from the proposed blast by means of red flags and by the beating of a gong continued for at least five minutes, previous to the firing off of such blast:"

Notice is hereby given that where such precautions as are required by the law are not taken, offenders will be held responsible for any injury which may result.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th February, 1901.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 96.

The following Regulations are published.

Government Notification No. 667 of the 5th December, 1900, is hereby cancelled.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th February, 1901.

REGULATIONS

Made by the Governor under Section 11 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1900.

TRANSMISSION OF CHINESE CORRESPONDENCE.

1. From the 1st December, 1900, all ordinary mail matter collected by Chinese Hongs for the following ports in China must be taken to the General Post Office for transmission to such ports, viz.:—

Peking, Newchwang, Tientsin, Chefoo, Chungking, Ichang, Shasi, Hankow, Kiukiang, Wuhu, Chinkeang, Shanghai, Soochow, Hangchow, Ningpo, Wenchow, Foochow, Amoy, Swatow, Canton, Hoihow, Pakhoi, Lungchow, Mengtsz, Samshui, Wuchow, Macao, Kumchuk, Whampoa, Kowkong, Lungshan and Kwongchauwan.

- 2. All such mail matter must be placed in bags properly fastened and addressed, and no such bag shall exceed 25 lbs. in weight.
- 3. Postage will be charged at the rate of 4 cents per oz. on correspondence to Canton, and 10 cents per oz. on correspondence to other places, a deduction being made on account of the weight of the bag.
 - 4. Payment shall be made by affixing postage stamps to the back of the address label.

Note.—Correspondence received under these Regulations will be delivered by the Imperial Chinese Post Office to the various agents of the establishments at the ports to which the bags are addressed.