

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 127.

The following Report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for the year 1900 is published.

By Command,

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*Colonial Secretary.*

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POLICE OFFICE,  
HONGKONG, 4th February, 1901.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Criminal Statistics and Report on the Police Force for the year 1900.

2. The total of all cases reported to the Police was 9,873, as against 9,023 in 1899, being an increase of 850, or 9.42 per cent.

In the division of these cases into Serious and Minor Offences, there appears an increase, as compared with 1899, of 140 cases, or 4.12 per cent., in the former and of 710 cases, or 12.6 per cent., in the latter.

The increase, as compared with 1899, in Serious Offences of 140 is shewn as follows :—

Burglary or Larceny in Dwelling, .....	69
Assault with intent to rob, .....	4
Piracy, .....	4
Larceny, .....	45
Kidnapping and Protection of Women and Girls Ord., .....	2
Unlawful Possession, .....	45
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Deduct decrease in :—

Murder, .....	2
Robbery, .....	26
Felonies, not already given, .....	1
	29
	140

3. Table A shows the number and character of the Serious and Minor Offences reported to the Police during the past year, and the number of persons convicted and discharged in connection with those offences.

## MURDER.

4.—(1.) On the 23rd of March, the body of Private FUKIER KHAN, of the Hongkong Regiment, was found buried in the bed of a stream on the Rifle Range; the body was nude and had several wounds on it. The murdered man was last seen alive at 9 p.m. on the 16th of March. No arrest was made.

(2.) On the 21st June, about 11 a.m., three men engaged sampan No. 2920 at Hunghom to take them to Sai Tso Wan where they landed for a short time, and, on returning to Hunghom, and when off Quarry Bay, they produced choppers, cut and wounded the master of the sampan, CHEUNG SAU, 73 years of age, (who was blind), put all the crew in the hold, shut the hatch on them and steered the boat to North Point where they ran her ashore and left, taking clothing and jewellery value \$24 with them.

CHEUNG SAU was removed to Government Civil Hospital where he died from his wounds on the 15th of July. Two men, named TANG LIN and LO TAM, were arrested and convicted at the Criminal Sessions and hanged.

(3.) On the 8th August, two coolies named U CHAN, 23 years, and To KAP, 26 years, employed at the Government Civil Hospital, quarrelled and fought in the cookhouse at the hospital. They were separated. About 5.30 a.m. on the 9th August, while U CHAN was asleep in the servants' quarters, To KAP struck him with a carrying pole. U CHAN was admitted into hospital where he died at 2 p.m. the same day from rupture of spleen. To KAP absconded and has not been arrested.

(4.) On the 23rd December, about 4 p.m., while YEUNG SAM, contractor, HA WO TSAI, was riding in his jinricksha with two coolies along the new Tai Po Road, and when near the sixth mile stone, three men armed with choppers attacked them. YEUNG was cut and wounded, dragged off the road into a ravine, robbed of a handkerchief containing \$100 and left unconscious. He was removed to Government Civil Hospital by Police and died there on the 24th December. No arrest made.

## MANSLAUGHTER.

(1.) On the 8th March, Lance NAIK GHULAM HASSAN, of the Hongkong Regiment, died in the Station Hospital, Kowloon, from the effects of an assault committed on him by Private GHEBA KHA of the same Regiment in the barrack room at Whitfield Barracks on the same day. GHEBA KHAN was tried at the Criminal Sessions and convicted.

(2.) On the 19th September, about 8.30 a.m., a number of coolies employed in the East Point Sugar Refinery quarrelled in the refinery, and, during the interval for breakfast, fought outside the building when one of the coolies named CHENG CHI HANG was so severely injured that he was removed to Government Civil Hospital where he died from his injuries on the 21st December. Two men named U TAI NGAN and U CHING CHOI, were arrested and convicted.

## GANG ROBBERIES.

5. There were 31 gang robberies reported during the year. In connection with 9 of these cases 36 persons were arrested, 27 convicted and 9 discharged. In 22 cases no arrest was made.

Only 2 gang robberies were reported in the City of Victoria, one is alleged to have occurred in the Eastern and the other in the Western District. These 2 reports were doubtful.

Of the 31 cases reported, 20 were from the New Territory.

## ROBBERIES ON BOATS AND JUNKS.

Ten cases were reported, of which 5 occurred in the New Territory. In connection with 4 of these cases, 17 persons were arrested, 14 of whom were convicted and 3 discharged. In the remaining 6 cases no arrest was made.

## HIGHWAY AND STREET ROBBERIES.

Eighteen cases were reported, of which 7 occurred in the New Territory. In respect of 4 of the cases, 5 persons were arrested, 4 of whom were convicted and 1 discharged. In 14 cases no arrest was made. Of these highway robberies only one was upon a European, viz. :—

On the 6th May, at 6 a.m., while Miss FREEMAN of the "Land We Live In Hotel," Queen's Road Central, was in the Public Gardens near Gleneally Path, she was set upon by two Chinese, who assaulted her, knocked her down and robbed her of jewellery value \$400. This girl was in the habit of going to the Gardens early, and, no doubt, she was watched by the robbers. She made no report to the Police at the time. No arrest made.

## FELONIES NOT ALREADY GIVEN.

6. Under this heading are comprised the following :—

Housebreaking, .....	113
Forgery, .....	13
Drugging, .....	1
Arson, .....	3
Embezzlement, .....	18
Suicide, .....	17
Rape, .....	2
Assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, .....	7
Indecent Assault, .....	2
Throwing Corrosive Fluid, .....	2
Manslaughter, .....	2
Cutting and Wounding, .....	13

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## TRIAD SOCIETY.

7. Nine men were charged with being members of this Society, five of whom were convicted and four discharged.

## PIRACY.

8. Five cases of Piracy occurred in the Waters of the Colony during 1900, viz. :—

(1.) On the 6th March, at 3.30 p.m., launch *Shun Fat*, running from Hongkong to Cheung Chau, left Praya West for Cheung Chau, and when near Che Kung Mun Island, five men who had embarked as passengers presented revolvers at the crew whom they drove below. They stopped the launch and were joined by a number of men from a boat. They then steamed away to the South-west of Lantao and stopped and robbed two junks. Then, after searching the passengers on the launch and robbing them of property to the value of \$25, they landed at Lantao. No arrest was made.

- (2.) On the 13th May, at 8.30 a.m., when the launch *Fook Sang*, running from Hongkong to Sham Chan, was off Castle Peak Bay, seven men who had embarked at Hongkong as passengers drew revolvers, overawed the crew and passengers and robbed them of money, jewellery, clothing and opium. They then steered the launch to Kau Chai Islands where the pirates and their booty embarked on board a fishing-boat and sailed away in the direction of Macao. Three of the pirates were subsequently arrested and convicted at the Criminal Sessions.
- (3.) About 6 p.m. on the 7th June, a Hongkong launch while towing two junks laden with kerosine to Canton, was attacked off the Brothers Islands by a number of men from two fishing junks who fired two shots, then boarded the launch, cut the two junks adrift and steered the launch up the Canton River, and on their way robbed three junks and also stole money and clothing from the launch value \$710. The pirates ultimately abandoned the launch at Tam Shui Ho in the Tung Kun District where they landed in boats which appeared to have been waiting for them. No arrest made.
- (4.) On the 17th July, at 8.30 p.m., the ferry launch *Cheung Yuen*, running between Victoria and Yaumati, was seized by a number of men who embarked as passengers at Victoria and who were armed with revolvers and swords. The pirates drove the crew and passengers below, took the launch up the Canton River where they pirated a large fishing-junk to which they transferred the passengers; after which they attacked several junks, keeping possession of the launch till 1 a.m. on the 19th July. On the arrival of the launch in Victoria Harbour, the Water Police found a large quantity of stolen property on board, nine of the crew were charged for receiving stolen property, &c., but were discharged.
- (5.) On the 24th November, at 7 a.m., the ferry launch *Kwong Sing* left Hongkong for Wan Ha in Chinese territory on the North shore of Deep Bay, and at 9 a.m. when off Nam Wan in British waters, five men who had embarked in Hongkong as passengers and who were armed took charge of the launch, robbed the passengers and took the launch to Chinese territory near Macao where the pirates landed with their booty. This launch was accompanied by two ferry launches who, on seeing her leaving her course, reported the occurrence to the Imperial Maritime Customs (Chinese) Authorities who sent a launch from Ling Ting Island in pursuit, but they failed to overtake the pirates in time to prevent the escape of the pirates. No arrest made.

#### GAMBLING.

9. The returns show a large increase in the number of cases under this heading. There was during the year evidence of an effort, in some cases most determined, to increase the promotion of gambling, which called forth increased activity on the part of the Police and especially of the European Detective Staff who were successful in making several important raids. A syndicate which conducted a Lottery and other gambling in a village in the New Territory opposite Shauiwan gave considerable trouble.

#### DRUNKENNESS.

10. The number of cases for the year was 49 more than last year.

There are in the Colony 25 houses which are licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor on the premises. Three licensees were convicted for selling liquor to persons who were drunk, two were fined \$25 each and one \$10. One licensee was convicted of keeping a disorderly house and fined \$50, one was convicted of selling liquor during prohibited hours and fined \$5, and one was convicted for selling adulterated liquor and fined \$50.

#### PROSTITUTION.

11. The Protection of Women and Girls Amendment Ordinance has continued to work satisfactorily.

Forty-nine prosecutions were instituted under section 11A of the Ordinance and in 35 cases convictions were obtained and fines to the total amount of \$2,950 imposed.

One hundred and eighteen (118) brothels were closed by order of the Magistrate under section 4 of Ordinance 31 of 1899, while 3 prosecutions were instituted under section 8 of the same Ordinance resulting in the conviction and banishment of two persons. A third absconded and his bail was estreated.

#### PROPERTY REPORTED STOLEN AND PROPERTY RECOVERED.

12. The value of property reported stolen during the year was \$110,366.85. The value of that recovered by the Police and restored to owners was \$3,972.45.

## LOST PROPERTY.

13. The following is a return showing property lost and recovered during 1900 :—

Articles reported lost.	Value lost.	Articles recovered and Articles found which were not reported lost.	Value found.
113	\$26,611.24	120	\$13,549.86

## ARMS ORDINANCE.

14. During the whole of the year a Proclamation has been in force prohibiting the export of arms and munitions of war from the Colony.

The following arms and ammunition were seized by the Police during the year, viz. :—197 rifles, 282 revolvers, 28,555 rounds of ammunition, 77 kegs of gunpowder, 347 bayonets and swords, 25,000 empty rifle cartridge-cases and 2,092 boxes of caps.

The new Arms Ordinance No. 9 of 1900 has thrown an immense amount of extra work upon this Department. There is evidence, however, that its provisions have had effect in diminishing the smuggling of arms and ammunition from the Colony.

## OPIUM WARRANTS.

15. One thousand three hundred and fifty-two (1,352) search warrants for prepared opium were executed by the Police and Excise Officers of the Opium Farmer. In 486 cases, opium was found.

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

16. The Examiner of Weights and Measures made the following verifications :—

	<i>Examined.</i>	<i>Correct.</i>	<i>Incorrect.</i>
Chinese balances,.....	3,442	3,162	280
European scales, .....	638	571	67
Measures, .....	767	750	17

The majority of the incorrect weights were found in the New Territory.

The following prosecutions were instituted :—

	<i>Prosecutions.</i>	<i>Convictions.</i>	<i>Fines.</i>
Possession of unjust Weights and Measures, .	47	47	\$1,580
Obstructing Inspector of Weights and Measures,.....	7	7	\$ 75

## FOOD AND DRUGS ORDINANCE.

17. Thirty-one (31) samples of intoxicating liquor were collected and sent for analysis, and one prosecution was instituted, and a conviction obtained, for selling adulterated liquor.

Some of the cheap liquor so common in 1898, is again being sold, but is now up to legal strength and certified by the Government Analyst as genuine.

## MENDICANTS.

18. In addition to beggars dealt with by the Police Magistrate and four sent to the Tung Wa Hospital, 319 were summarily deported to Canton as follows :—

HOW OFTEN SENT AWAY.	CANTON.
Once, .....	293
Twice, .....	19
Thrice, .....	4
4 times, .....	Nil.
5 times, .....	3
TOTAL, .....	319

## LICENCES.

19. The following licences were issued during 1900 :—

675	Hongkong Jinrickshas.
140	Kowloon            "
25	Quarry Bay        "
1,263	Private Vehicles.
565	Hongkong Chairs.
31	Hill District Chairs.
7	Gharis.
9,984	Drivers and Bearers.

*Dogs Ordinance.*

1,929	dogs were licensed.
15	watch dogs were licensed.
96	dogs were destroyed.
57	dogs were ransomed.

*Arms Ordinance.*

17	arms licences were issued.
4	sporting arms licences were issued.

## POLICE FORCE.

20. Table *E* shows the strength, enlistments and casualties in the Force during 1900.

Forty-nine (49) European recruits were engaged during the year. Forty were volunteers from the Royal Marines, one was recruited in England with no previous Police service, and eight were enlisted locally. Of these eight, three resigned on completing their three months' probation, one was not allowed to enlist after completing his probation, one was unable to pass the medical examination on completing his probation and was struck off the Force, and one was dismissed. The Marines, with a few exceptions, have given satisfaction.

## CONDUCT.

21. The number of reports against Europeans was 126, as against 75 in 1899; of these, 23 were for drunkenness, as against 19 in the previous year; 4 for asleep on duty, as against 2; 10 for disorderly conduct and fighting, and 7 for sitting down on duty, as against 2 and 2 respectively, and 8 for neglect of duty as against 11 last year.

Three European Constables were brought before the Police Magistrate for assault, and two for allowing prisoners to escape, and discharged with a caution. One was charged with misconduct and fined \$10. The conduct of the Contingent was on the whole good.

There were 635 reports against men of the Indian Contingent, as compared with 320 for last year.

For drunkenness there were 41, against 11 in 1899; 49 for disorderly conduct, against 9; 78 for neglect of duty, against 32; 73 for absence from duty, against 68; 147 for gossiping and idling on duty, against 55, and 39 for asleep on duty, against 25 in the previous year.

Seven Indian Constables were convicted before the Police Magistrate: 6 for assault and one for using abusive language to his superior officer. The conduct of the Contingent was far from satisfactory.

The Chinese Contingent is responsible for 930 reports, against 634 in 1899.

There were no reports for drunkenness; asleep on duty increased from 50 to 100; disorderly conduct decreased from 22 to 18, and absence from station, duty and parades has increased from 260 to 356.

Four Chinese Constables were convicted before the Magistrate: one for allowing a prisoner to escape, one for violating his duty and bringing an improper charge, and two for assault. The conduct of the Contingent was on the whole satisfactory.

## REWARDS.

22. During the year, 2 European Lance Sergeants, 1 Chinese Sergeant and 6 Chinese Constables were granted rewards for energy and zeal in making arrests of pirates, robbers and burglars.

1 European Constable and 1 Indian Constable were rewarded for rescuing 2 men from drowning.

2 Chinese Constables were rewarded in connection with the raiding of 2 lottery establishments.

3 District Watchmen were rewarded for arresting burglars.

## PLAGUE SERVICES.

23. Six (6) Europeans and 6 Chinese were engaged on house-to-house visitation in connection with the Plague from 19th April to 12th May, and 10 Europeans and 6 Chinese from 12th May to 31st July.

## HEALTH.

24. Admissions to hospital during the last three years were as follows:—

	1898. (Strength 630.)	1899. (Strength prior to 17th April 630 subsequently 827.)	1900. (Strength 929.)
Europeans, ....	87	117	174
Indians, .....	279	421	512
Chinese, .....	124	155	223

*Return of Police treated in Government Civil Hospital for Fever, from 1st January to 31st December, 1900.*

	<i>Old Territory.</i>	<i>New Territory.</i>
Europeans,.....	36	11
Indians,.....	159	84
Chinese,.....	63	15

In addition to cases treated in hospital for fever from the New Territory, the following numbers of cases were treated for fever in the various stations in the New Territory without being removed to hospital, viz., European 67, Indian 274 and Chinese 36, while 14 European, 29 Indian and 8 Chinese cases were treated in the stations in the New Territory for other causes.

The stations in the New Territory where the men suffered most from fever were Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok and Au Tau. These stations, it may be noted, are situated on isolated sites at a distance from the neighbouring Chinese villages. The remaining stations are situated in or on the outskirts of native villages.

## EDUCATION.

25. During the year, 3 Europeans and 19 Indians obtained certificates for knowledge of Chinese, and 6 Indians obtained certificates of English.

I append a report from Mr. T. K. DEALY, Master-in-charge, on the work of the Police School during the year.

## DRILL.

26. Drills were regularly carried out throughout the year.

No course of musketry was fired as the new range was not ready and the old is condemned for firing over with the new .303 carbines with which the European and Indian Contingents are now armed.

Three Maxim guns were received from England for use in the patrol launches.

They were removed to 3 of the frontier stations in June last in anticipation of the disturbances in Chinese territory, which subsequently took place, and the possibility of an attack upon British territory.

Most of the stations in the New Territory were largely re-inforced at the same time.

## BARRACKS.

27. A house was rented at Sai Kung and Police stationed there on the 26th of July. A new Police Station is in course of erection at this place.

A new Police Station was built at Sha Tau Kok and the Police occupied it on the 20th October.

A new Police Station was also built at Kennedy Town and the Police occupied it on the 1st of October.

Arrangements were completed before the end of the year for beginning the building of a new station at West Point.

## LAUNCHES AND PINNACES.

28. A new pinnace was received from England.

Two new launches were built but were much damaged just before they were ready for use, in the typhoon of November last.

The repairs were not completed before the end of the year.

## DISTRICT WATCHMEN.

29. The members of this Force have done their duty satisfactorily under the supervision of the European Inspectors and Sergeants of Police.

## EXECUTIVE STAFF.

30. The Deputy Superintendent acted as Captain Superintendent, and Chief Inspector MAKIE as Deputy Superintendent from February the 9th to September the 28th, while I was acting as Colonial Secretary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

F. H. MAY,  
*Captain Superintendent of Police.*

The Honourable

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

*&c., &c., &c.*

## POLICE SCHOOL,

HONGKONG, 31st December, 1900.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward the following Report on the Police School for the year just ended.

1. On May 1st, Mr. W. M. B. ARTHUR went to England on four months' leave of absence, preliminary to retirement. I was left in charge, and the vacancy on the School Staff was filled by Mr. A. W. GRANT, one of the Assistant Masters at Queen's College. Both these temporary appointments were subsequently confirmed as from September 1st, on which date Mr. ARTHUR had definitely quitted the Service.

2. At an examination for European Constables held in February, five men—P.C.s 19, 28, 46, 49 and 60—passed, and, in due course, were awarded certificates exempting them from compulsory attendance at School. At a supplementary examination in September, four men—P.C.s 9, 70 and 85, together with Chinese Constable 232—passed satisfactorily, and were recommended for certificates of exemption.

3. Since June 6th, the Police Library has, by permission, been made available for lessons to European Constables, from 2.30 to 3.30 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, in each week when School is open. This arrangement means that occupation of the second Court room, on any of these afternoons, does not now, as it sometimes did of old, imply a forced holiday for the men concerned.

4. The total number of attendances made during the year is 3,546. School was open 99 days. This gives a daily average of 35.8. Actually the highest attendance on any one day was 54, on November 13th.

5. The following are the details of those who have made use of the School at all during the year, as supplied to me by Sergeant WILLIAMSON from the School roll.

European Constables, .....	40
Chinese            ,, .....	103
Indian             ,, .....	61
Garl Staff, .....	46
Garden Boys, .....	5
Total, .....	<u>255</u>

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

T. K. DEALY,  
*Master-in-Charge.*

The Honourable

F. H. MAY, C.M.G.,

*Captain Superintendent of Police.*







TABLE D.

1.—RETURN of SERIOUS OFFENCES reported to the POLICE, during the 10 Years ending 1900, showing the Number of Prisoners Arrested, Convicted and Discharged.

YEAR.	Murder.			Robbery.			Burglary and Larceny in Dwelling House.			Assault with Intent to Rob.			Kidnapping and Protection of Women and Girls.			Piracy.			Unlawful Possession.			Larceny.			Felonies not already given.			
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.
1891, .....	1	1	1	13	52	6	3	9	...	71	52	56	108	4	3	6	500	478	72	550	2,300	1,109	262	1,371	48	29	44	73
1892, .....	3	4	4	48	83	21	8	29	...	86	81	46	127	...	...	...	411	375	102	477	2,804	1,179	298	1,477	44	29	24	53
1893, .....	3	1	...	9	66	15	5	20	6	72	72	34	106	...	...	...	327	299	62	361	2,156	964	188	1,152	78	27	18	45
1894, .....	6	3	1	4	41	5	...	5	1	48	23	34	57	...	...	...	278	272	45	317	2,103	878	166	1,044	67	39	27	66
1895, .....	3	3	3	3	81	30	12	42	...	43	42	36	78	...	...	...	428	433	70	503	2,126	937	242	1,179	75	35	28	63
Total, .....	16	4	9	77	323	77	28	105	13	320	270	206	476	4	3	6	1,944	1,837	351	2,208	10,989	5,067	1,156	6,223	312	159	141	300
1896, .....	8	2	3	3	120	30	6	36	...	62	52	47	99	...	...	...	273	298	39	337	1,770	970	139	1,109	73	23	29	52
1897, .....	8	4	7	11	159	32	8	40	1	59	55	36	91	...	...	...	398	386	70	456	2,079	954	189	1,143	170	57	30	87
1898, .....	1	2	...	2	170	29	7	36	2	40	63	3	66	...	...	...	436	454	49	503	2,124	1,042	132	1,174	147	47	13	60
1899, .....	6	5	3	8	247	42	20	62	3	35	32	18	50	1	...	...	389	384	59	443	2,432	1,023	220	1,243	194	54	6	60
1900, .....	4	2	...	2	316	57	21	78	7	37	21	37	58	5	3	3	434	448	80	528	2,477	1,142	277	1,419	193	58	25	83
Total, .....	27	15	13	28	1,012	190	62	252	13	233	223	141	364	6	3	3	1,930	1,970	297	2,267	10,889	5,131	957	6,088	777	239	103	342
Average of 1st period, .....	3.2	0.8	1.8	2.6	64.6	15.4	5.6	21.0	2.0	64.0	54.0	41.2	95.2	0.8	0.6	1.2	388.8	371.4	70.2	441.6	2,197.8	1,013.4	231.2	1,244.6	62.4	31.8	28.2	60.0
Average of 2nd period, .....	5.4	3.0	2.6	5.6	302.4	38.0	12.4	50.4	2.6	46.6	44.6	28.2	73.8	1.2	0.6	0.6	386.0	394.0	59.4	453.4	2,176.4	1,026.2	191.4	1,217.6	155.4	47.8	20.6	68.4

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2.—RETURN OF MINOR OFFENCES REPORTED TO THE POLICE, DURING THE 10 YEARS ENDING 1900, SHOWING NUMBER OF PRISONERS ARRESTED, CONVICTED AND DISCHARGED.

YEAR.	ASSAULT.				GAMBLING.				MISCELLANEOUS.				DRUNKENNESS.	NUISANCES.	NO LIGHT OR PASS.
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.			
1891, .....	1,335	1,723	247	1,970	523	1,623	65	1,688	5,656	5,974	361	6,335	133	140	88
1892, .....	1,111	1,492	255	1,747	595	1,720	141	1,861	4,341	5,033	333	5,366	221	399	80
1893, .....	1,057	1,315	219	1,534	319	1,031	109	1,140	4,328	4,749	333	5,082	192	510	57
1894, .....	1,007	1,151	250	1,401	218	843	90	933	3,806	4,161	428	4,589	302	538	191
1895, .....	1,240	1,503	360	1,863	171	676	75	751	5,400	5,968	551	6,519	378	1,223	2,196
Total, .....	5,750	7,184	1,331	8,515	1,826	5,893	480	6,373	23,531	25,885	2,006	27,891	1,226	2,810	2,612
1896, .....	1,135	1,441	219	1,660	126	732	16	748	4,342	5,147	343	5,490	336	1,245	3,477
1897, .....	1,404	1,795	287	2,082	145	666	66	732	4,122	4,588	412	4,950	132	780	150
1898, .....	1,765	2,380	242	2,622	265	1,077	55	1,132	4,531	5,412	307	5,719	161	939	...
1899, .....	1,414	1,595	281	1,876	199	661	70	731	3,170	3,434	320	3,754	133	715	...
1900, .....	1,531	1,891	344	2,235	324	1,564	35	1,599	3,265	3,625	375	4,000	182	1,039	...
Total, .....	7,249	9,102	1,373	10,475	1,059	4,700	242	4,942	19,430	22,156	1,757	23,913	944	4,718	3,627
Average of 1st period, .....	1150.0	1436.8	266.2	1703.0	365.2	1178.6	96.0	1274.6	4706.2	5177.0	401.2	5578.2	245.2	562.0	522.4
Average of 2nd period, .....	1449.8	1820.4	274.6	2095.0	211.8	940.0	48.4	988.4	3886.0	4431.2	351.4	4782.6	188.8	943.6	725.4

3.—CASES REPORTED TO POLICE.

SERIOUS OFFENCES.

In 1891, .....	2,994 cases.	In 1896, .....	2,314 cases.
" 1892, .....	2,983 "	" 1897, .....	2,896 "
" 1893, .....	2,725 "	" 1898, .....	2,935 "
" 1894, .....	2,575 "	" 1899, .....	3,392 "
" 1895, .....	2,767 "	" 1900, .....	3,532 "
	<u>14,044 cases.</u>		<u>15,069 cases.</u>

Increase of 6.8 per cent. in second period.

MINOR OFFENCES.

In 1891, .....	7,875 cases.	In 1896, .....	10,661 cases.
" 1892, .....	6,747 "	" 1897, .....	6,733 "
" 1893, .....	6,463 "	" 1898, .....	7,661 "
" 1894, .....	6,062 "	" 1899, .....	5,631 "
" 1895, .....	10,608 "	" 1900, .....	6,341 "
	<u>37,755 cases.</u>		<u>37,027 cases.</u>

Decrease of 1.96 per cent. in second period.

Altogether.

In 1891, .....	10,869 cases.	In 1896, .....	12,975 cases.
" 1892, .....	9,730 "	" 1897, .....	9,629 "
" 1893, .....	9,188 "	" 1898, .....	10,596 "
" 1894, .....	8,637 "	" 1899, .....	9,023 "
" 1895, .....	13,375 "	" 1900, .....	9,873 "
	<u>51,799 cases.</u>		<u>52,096 cases.</u>

Increase of 0.57 per cent. in second period.

4.—DETAIL OF CASES REPORTED TO POLICE.

SERIOUS OFFENCES.

	1891 to 1895.	Yearly Average.	1896 to 1900.	Yearly Average.
1. Murder, .....	16	3.2	27	5.4
2. Robbery, .....	126	25.2	189	37.8
3. Burglaries and Larcenies in Dwellings, .....	323	64.6	1,012	202.4
4. Assault with Intent to Rob, .....	10	2.0	13	2.6
5. Kidnapping, .....	320	64.0	233	46.6
6. Piracy, .....	4	0.8	6	1.2
7. Unlawful Possession, .....	1,944	388.8	1,930	386.0
8. Larcenies, .....	10,989	2,197.8	10,882	2,176.4
9. Felonies not already given, .....	312	62.4	777	155.4

MINOR OFFENCES.

	1891 to 1895.	Yearly Average.	1896 to 1900.	Yearly Average.
10. Assault, .....	5,750	1,150.0	7,249	1,449.8
11. Gambling, .....	1,826	365.2	1,059	211.8
12. Miscellaneous, .....	23,531	4,706.2	19,430	3,886.0
13. Drunkenness, .....	1,226	245.2	944	188.8
14. Nuisances, .....	2,810	562.0	4,718	943.6
15. No Pass or Light, .....	2,612	522.4	3,627	725.4

5.—NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED BY POLICE.

FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES.

In 1891, .....	2,131 persons.	In 1896, .....	1,641 persons.
" 1892, .....	2,220 "	" 1897, .....	1,842 "
" 1893, .....	1,707 "	" 1898, .....	1,858 "
" 1894, .....	1,498 "	" 1899, .....	1,938 "
" 1895, .....	1,871 "	" 1900, .....	2,232 "
	<u>9,427 persons.</u>		<u>9,511 persons.</u>

FOR MINOR OFFENCES.

Excepting Nos. 13, 14 and 15 (See Table 2) of which no details are given.

In 1891, .....	9,993 persons.	In 1896, .....	7,898 persons.
" 1892, .....	8,974 "	" 1897, .....	7,764 "
" 1893, .....	7,756 "	" 1898, .....	9,473 "
" 1894, .....	6,923 "	" 1899, .....	6,361 "
" 1895, .....	9,133 "	" 1900, .....	7,834 "
	<u>42,779 persons.</u>		<u>39,330 persons.</u>

*Altogether excepting Nos. 13, 14 and 15.*

In 1891, .....	12,124 persons.	In 1896, .....	9,539 persons.
" 1892, .....	11,194 "	" 1897, .....	9,606 "
" 1893, .....	9,463 "	" 1898, .....	11,331 "
" 1894, .....	8,421 "	" 1899, .....	8,299 "
" 1895, .....	11,004 "	" 1900, .....	10,066 "
	<u>52,206 persons.</u>		<u>48,841 persons.</u>

## 6.—DETAILS OF NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED

## FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES.

	1891 to 1895.	1896 to 1900.
1. Murder, .....	13	28
2. Robbery with Violence from Person, .....	77	161
3. Burglaries and Larcenies from Dwellings, .....	105	252
4. Assault with Intent to Rob, .....	19	6
5. Kidnapping, .....	476	364
6. Piracy, .....	-6	3
7. Unlawful Possession, .....	2,208	2,267
8. Larcenies, .....	6,223	6,088
9. Felonies not given, .....	300	342
	<u>9,427</u>	<u>9,511</u>

## FOR MINOR OFFENCES.

	1891 to 1895.	1896 to 1900.
10. Assault, .....	8,515	10,475
11. Gambling, .....	6,373	4,942
12. Miscellaneous, .....	27,891	23,913
13. Drunkenness, .....	1,226	944
14. Nuisances, .....	2,810	4,718
15. No Pass or Light, .....	2,612	3,627
	<u>49,427</u>	<u>48,619</u>

## 7.—NUMBER OF PERSONS CONVICTED AND DISCHARGED

## FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES.

	Convicted.	Discharged.		Convicted.	Discharged.
In 1891, .....	1,687	444	In 1896, .....	1,378	263
" 1892, .....	1,728	492	" 1897, .....	1,497	345
" 1893, .....	1,391	316	" 1898, .....	1,654	204
" 1894, .....	1,224	274	" 1899, .....	1,589	349
" 1895, .....	1,478	393	" 1900, .....	1,779	453
	<u>7,508</u>	<u>1,919</u>		<u>7,897</u>	<u>1,614</u>

## FOR MINOR OFFENCES.

	Convicted.	Discharged.		Convicted.	Discharged.
In 1891, .....	9,320	673	In 1896, .....	7,320	578
" 1892, .....	8,245	729	" 1897, .....	6,999	765
" 1893, .....	7,095	661	" 1898, .....	8,869	604
" 1894, .....	6,155	768	" 1899, .....	5,690	671
" 1895, .....	8,147	986	" 1900, .....	7,080	754
	<u>38,962</u>	<u>3,817</u>		<u>35,958</u>	<u>3,372</u>

*Altogether excepting Nos. 13, 14 and 15.*

	Convicted.	Discharged.		Convicted.	Discharged.
In 1891, .....	11,007	1,117	In 1896, .....	8,698	841
" 1892, .....	9,973	1,221	" 1897, .....	8,496	1,110
" 1893, .....	8,486	977	" 1898, .....	10,523	808
" 1894, .....	7,379	1,042	" 1899, .....	7,279	1,020
" 1895, .....	9,625	1,379	" 1900, .....	8,859	1,207
	<u>46,470</u>	<u>5,736</u>		<u>43,855</u>	<u>4,986</u>

TABLE E.

RETURN showing the STRENGTH, ENLISTMENTS and CASUALTIES in the Police Force during 1900.

	Strength of the Force.	Enlistments.	Deaths.	Resignation through Sickness.	Resignation through Expiry of Terms of Service or otherwise.	Dismissals or Desertions.	Total Number of Casualties.
European, .....	153	49	...	2	9	5	16
Indian,.....	366	36	3	6	6	10	25
Chinese, .....	410	127	†6	9	40	51	106
Total, .....	*929	212	9	17	55	66	147

\* This number includes the Police paid for by other Departments and Private Firms, and also the Engineers, Coxswains and Stokers, but is exclusive of:—

1 Captain Superintendent.	} Grand Total, 1,001.
1 Deputy Superintendent.	
1 Accountant.	
1 Clerk and Hindustani Interpreter.	
3 Clerks.	
3 Telephone Clerks.	
62 Coolies.	

† 1 Died from Plague.

F. H. MAY,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 128.

It is hereby notified that, pursuant to instructions from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Offices of Colonial Secretary and Registrar General which since the 26th March, 1895, have been held conjointly, will, on the 15th instant, be again separated, and that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN to be Registrar General with effect from the 15th instant.

JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G. will continue to discharge the duties of his office of Colonial Secretary.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th March, 1901.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 129.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint S. R. MOORE to be Demarcation Officer, Land Court.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th March, 1901.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 130.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following as temporary Inspectors of Nuisances in accordance with section 9 of The Public Health Ordinance, 1887:—

WILLIAM BOND.  
HERBERT McDONALD.  
G. POWELL.  
H. COOK.  
WILLIAM ROGERS.  
B. LOWE.  
G. FLACK.  
H. REYNOLDS.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th March, 1901.