

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 225.

The following Report of the Superintendent of Fire Brigade, for 1900, is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

POLICE OFFICE,

HONGKONG, 14th February, 1901.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the following report on the Government Fire Brigade for the year 1900.

2. There were 51 Fires and 74 Incipient Fires during the year. Details regarding each are attached. The Brigade turned out 61 times during the year.

The estimated damage caused by the fires was \$130,599.73 and by the incipient fires \$729.10.

A prosecution for arson is at present proceeding in respect of the fire at No. 235 Queen's Road West on the 20th December.

3. A list is attached shewing the number of fires that have occurred during each of the last 10 years with the estimated value of property destroyed in each case.

4. The water in the mains was not turned off at any time during the year.

5. I attach a list of places where Fire Despatch Boxes are kept, and copy of a report by the Engineer on the state of the Fire Engines, which are all in good order.

6. The quatricycle despatch box obtained from Messrs. MERRYWEATHER & SONS last year has proved useful and given satisfaction.

7. Two fires occurred in the Harbour during the year.

8. The conduct of the Brigade during the year has been good.

9. On the 1st January, 1900, the Nam Pak Hong Fire Brigade was re-organised and placed under the immediate supervision of the officers of the Government Fire Brigade.

The Nam Pak Hong now maintain, at their own cost, six trained firemen, while two firemen of the Government Brigade reside in the station house with them in order to be ready to turn out immediately on an alarm of fire.

10. The Assistant Superintendent acted as 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,
Superintendent of Fire Brigade.

The Honourable

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

&c., &c., &c.

List of Places where Fire Brigade Despatch Boxes are kept.

1 Box.	No. 1 Police Station.	2 Boxes.	No. 7 Police Station.
3 Boxes.	Engine House at No. 2 Police Station.	1 Box.	Bonham Strand West, at West End.
1 Box.	Naval Dock Yard.	1 "	Gas House, West Point.
1 "	Clock Tower.	1 "	Fat Hing Street, at Queen's Road West.
1 "	Government Offices.	1 "	Ko Shing Theatre.
1 "	Government House.	1 "	Government Lunatic Asylum.
1 "	No. 7 Queen's Garden, Engineers' Mess.	2 Boxes.	Nam Pak Hong Fire Station.
1 "	Central Police Station.	1 Box.	Man Mo Temple.
1 "	Wellington Street at Lyndhurst Terrace.	2 Boxes.	No. 5 Police Station.
1 "	Government Civil Hospital.	1 Box.	Kennedy Town Hospital.
1 "	Staunton Street at Sing Wong Street.	1 "	Collinson Street.
1 "	Water Lane at Queen's Road Central.	1 "	No. 463 Queen's Road West.

*List of Telephones to which the Police can have access to communicate with Central Station
in the event of a Fire breaking out.*

Hongkong and China Gas Company, East and West Point, from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M.	Hongkong Hotel, Praya Central.
Tung Wá Hospital, Po Yan Street.	Royal Naval Yard, Queen's Road East.
Man On Insurance Office, Queen's Road West.	Mr. J. KENNEDY's Causeway Bay.
	Electric Light Company, Queen's Road East.

HONGKONG, 18th February, 1901.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith a report on the state of the Government Fire Engines for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

STEAMER No. 1.

(Floating Engine by Shand & Mason.)

This Engine has been three years in service, it has done some good work at fires during the year, has been docked and overhauled and the hull, engine and pump are now in good order and condition.

STEAMER No. 2.

(Land Engine by Shand & Mason.)

This Engine has been twenty-two years in service (Boiler three years), it has been regularly tested at drill for drivers, and is now in good order and condition.

STEAMER No. 3.

(Land Engine by Shand & Mason.)

This Engine has been twenty-one years in service, it has been regularly tested at drill for drivers, and has also done some good work at fires during the year. It is now in good order and condition.

STEAMER No. 4.

(Land Engine by Shand & Mason.)

This Engine has been nineteen years in service, it has been regularly tested at drill for drivers and is now in good order and condition.

STEAMER No. 5.

(Land Engine by Shand & Mason.)

This Engine has been fourteen years in service, it has been overhauled during the year, and is now in good order and condition.

All the Manual Engines and gear, hose reels, ladders and supply carts have been kept in good repair, and are now in good order.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN W. KINGHORN,
*Chief Engineer,
Government Fire Brigade.*

The Honourable

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

Superintendent,

Government Fire Brigade.

FIRES, 1890.

No.	DATE.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.
			Wholly.	Partly.	
1	January 5	No. 7, Station Street,	3	...	\$ 1,000
2	" 7	No. 33, Tung Man Lane, .....	...	1	500
3	" 18	No. 229, Praya West,	1	1	8,000
4	" 26	No. 8, Lyndhurst Terrace, .....	...	1	10,000
5	" 28	No. 23, Bonham Strand, .....	...	1	400
6	February 10	No. 18, Gage Street, .....	...	1	300
7	" 14	No. 8, St. Francis Street, .....	...	1	550
8	May 2	No. 68, Bonham Strand,	4	2	41,000
9	" 19	The Hongkong Dispensary, .....	...	...	100,000
10	" 23	No. 12, Kwong Un Street, East, .....	...	1	3,000
11	July 7	No. 32, Square Street,	1	...	500
12	September 9	Blackhead & Co., Praya Central, .....	...	1	30,000
13	" 22	No. 38, Gilman Bazaar, .....	...	1	100
14	November 11	No. 47, Bonham Strand, .....	...	1	2,000
15	" 15	No. 69, Upper Station Street,	1	...	250
16	December 15	No. 112, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	2	6,000
TOTAL,					\$ 203,600

FIRES, 1891.

No.	DATE.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.
			Wholly.	Partly.	
1	January 8	Nos. 170 and 172, Third Street,	5	...	\$ 3,000
2	February 8	No. 353, Queen's Road West,	1	2	700
3	April 5	No. 41, Hillier Street,	1	...	1,500
4	" 7	The Hongkong and China Bakery, Morrison Hill Road, East Point, .....	...	1	1,000
5	May 5	No. 331, Queen's Road Central,	2	...	11,500
6	" 6	No. 280, Queen's Road Central,	2	...	12,000
7	July 11	No. 72, Station Street, Yaumati,	1	...	1,800
8	December 19	No. 57A, Wanchai Road,	1	...	600
TOTAL,					\$ 32,100

FIRES, 1892.

No.	DATE.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.
			Wholly.	Partly.	
1	January 10	No. 9, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	1	\$ 40,000
2	" 13	Bonham Strand, .....	...	3	8,000
3	" 16	No. 528, Queen's Road West,	1	...	6,000
4	" 21	No. 81, High Street, .....	...	1	100
5	April 1	No. 26, Sai Wo Lane, .....	...	1	1,000
6	" 10	No. 17, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	400
7	" 11	No. 104, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	1,500
8	May 22	No. 17, Tank Lane,	1	...	250
9	June 21	No. 29, Centre Street, .....	...	1	100
10	July 3	No. 91, Wing Lok Street, .....	...	1	5,000
11	August 18	No. 49, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	300
12	" 21	No. 48, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	3,000
13	September 15	No. 80, Queen's Road West,	4	2	4,000
14	December 8	No. 333, Queen's Road Central,	1	2	5,000
15	" 20	No. 14, Jubilee Street, .....	...	1	300
16	" 22	No. 16, East Street,	1	1	600
TOTAL,					\$ 75,550

FIRES, 1893.

No.	DATE.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.
			Wholly.	Partly.	
1	January 7	No. 73, Hollywood Road,.....	...	1	\$ 800
2	" 11	No. 79, Nullah Lane,	1	...	300
3	" 18	No. 2, Square Street, .....	...	1	10
4	February 11	No. 68, Jervois Street,	2	1	10,000
5	" 13	No. 101, Wing Lok Street, .....	...	1	6,000
6	March 22	No. 22, Holland Street,	1	1	40,000
7	" 26	No. 301, Queen's Road West,	1	2	8,000
8	April 13	No. 87, Jervois Street, .....	...	1	2,000
9	" 25	No. 15, West Street, .....	...	1	800
10	" 27	No. 1, In On Lane,	2	1	19,000
11	May 13	No. 344, Queen's Road Central .....	...	1	2,000
12	June 16	No. 406, Queen's Road West,	1	...	2,000
13	" 16	No. 28, Tsz Mi Lane, .....	...	1	700
14	July 3	No. 191, Hollywood Road,	1	1	1,500
15	" 14	No. 19, Gough Street, .....	...	...	150
16	" 19	No. 280, Queen's Road West,	1	1	1,000
17	" 20	No. 12, Tung Loi Lane, .....	...	4	20,000
18	August 16	No. 337, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	300
19	" 17	No. 32, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	2,800
20	" 25	No. 155, Second Street,	1	...	20,000
21	September 5	No. 7, Ezra Lane,	1	...	400
22	" 18	No. 248, Hollywood Road,	1	...	4,000
23	" 30	No. 127, Bonham Strand,	1	...	5,000
24	October 12	No. 14, Li Shing Street, .....	...	1	5,500
25	November 11	No. 115, Praya West,	3	1	20,000
26	" 11	No. 58, Square Street,	2	1	3,000
27	" 16	No. 5, Pan Kwai Lane, .....	...	1	1,000
28	" 21	No. 9, Tannery Lane, .....	...	1	40
29	" 23	No. 314A, Queen's Road Central,	1	...	8,000
30	" 26	No. 22, Tsz Mi Lane,	1	1	5,500
31	December 4	No. 31, Wing Fung Street,	1	...	10
32	" 5	No. 131, Bonham Strand, .....	...	2	2,000
33	" 9	No. 11, Bonham Strand,	2	...	5,000
34	" 10	No. 240, Queen's Road West,	1	...	9,000
35	" 13	No. 99, Praya West, .....	...	1	400
36	" 25	No. 100, Queen's Road West,	1	1	2,000
TOTAL,.....					\$ 208,210

FIRES, 1894.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.
				Wholly.	Partly.	
1	January 9	12.30 p.m.	No. 56, First Street, .....	...	1	\$ 800
2	" 14	8.45 p.m.	No. 13, U Lok Lane,	1	...	400
3	" 16	1.25 a.m.	No. 273, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	1,200
4	February 1	7.55 a.m.	No. 26, Market Street,	2	...	2,500
5	" 6	1.40 p.m.	No. 57, Queen's Road West,	1	2	4,000
6	" 14	4.50 p.m.	No. 28, Upper Station Street, .....	...	1	300
7	" 25	7 p.m.	No. 86, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	50
8	March 3	7.30 a.m.	No. 17, Salt Fish Street, .....	...	2	1,500
9	" 28	9.25 a.m.	No. 17, Upper Lascar Row,	1	1	5,000
10	April 4	9.20 p.m.	No. 136, Bonham Strand,	6	1	150,000
11	" 17	10.30 a.m.	No. 211, Hollywood Road,	1	1	2,000
12	" 28	9 a.m.	No. 63, Wanchai Road, .....	...	1	1,500
13	" 30	2 a.m.	No. 122, Queen's Road Central,	3	2	55,000
14	May 1	7 p.m.	No. 116, Queen's Road Central,	1	1	18,000
15	" 15	3 a.m.	No. 137, Queen's Road West,	1	2	4,500
16	June 3	3 a.m.	No. 15, Jervois Street, .....	...	1	2,500
17	" 3	3.10 a.m.	No. 228, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	2	20,000
18	July 1	10.25 p.m.	No. 123, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	1	3,000
19	August 14	10.30 a.m.	No. 59, Square Street,	1	...	500
20	" 21	3.45 a.m.	No. 68, Jervois Street,	1	1	18,000
21	October 2	2 a.m.	No. 9, Sai On Lane, .....	...	1	200
22	" 3	11.30 p.m.	No. 21, West Street,	1	...	800
23	" 11	6.20 p.m.	No. 2, Ship Street, .....	...	1	200
24	" 24	12.10 a.m.	No. 127, Queen's Road West,	1	...	15,000
25	" 31	10 p.m.	No. 115, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	3	4,600
26	November 30	7.40 p.m.	No. 32, Bonham Strand, .....	...	1	2,000
27	December 1	10 p.m.	No. 207, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	1	8,000
28	" 1	11.20 p.m.	No. 183, Hollywood Road,	1	1	2,000
29	" 13	5.30 p.m.	No. 22, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	100
TOTAL,.....						\$ 323,650

FIRES, 1895.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	No. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.
				Wholly.	Partly.	
1	January 6	7.45 p.m.	House No. 230, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	\$ 6,000
2	" 12	9.30 p.m.	House No. 4, Wellington Street, .....	...	1	4,000
3	" 18	5.45 p.m.	House No. 189, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	2,000
4	" 18	6.45 p.m.	House No. 15, Mercer Street, .....	...	1	9,000
5	" 21	9 p.m.	House No. 337, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	1,000
6	February 6	9.15 p.m.	House No. 73, Bonham Strand,	1	...	6,000
7	" 10	1 a.m.	House No. 149, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	30
8	" 20	1.20 p.m.	House No. 3, Wai Tak Lane, .....	...	1	200
9	March 2	6.40 p.m.	House No. 228, Queen's Road West,	2	3	12,000
10	" 3	7 p.m.	House No. 7, Li Shing Street,	1	...	3,000
11	" 24	8 p.m.	House No. 96, Bonham Strand,	1	3	Unknown.
12	" 26	8.30 p.m.	House No. 212, Queen's Road West,	1	...	3,000
13	" 30	2.50 a.m.	House No. 352, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	2	5,000
14	April 6	3.25 a.m.	House No. 1, Queen's Street, .....	...	1	5,000
15	" 11	12 Noon.	House No. 144, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	3,000
16	" 18	7 p.m.	House No. 34, Bonham Strand, .....	...	1	1,000
17	" 24	10.15 p.m.	House No. 19, Jervois Street,	1	...	12,000
18	June 14	3.05 a.m.	House No. 76, Jervois Street,	1	...	Not known.
19	July 29	4.50 a.m.	House No. 34, Winglok Street, .....	...	2	5,000
20	" 29	12.30 a.m.	House No. 3, Station Street,	1	1	800
21	August 5	1 a.m.	House No. 70, Jervois Street, .....	...	2	22,000
22	September 6	3.45 a.m.	House No. 4, Praya Central, premises of Messrs. Wieler & Co., .....	...	1	100
23	" 6	8.30 a.m.	House No. 12, Nullah Terrace, Quarry Bay,	1	...	700
24	October 5	12.50 a.m.	House No. 169, Hollywood Road,	1	1	3,000
25	" 6	8.20 a.m.	Matshed at Quarry Bay,	1	...	500
26	" 15	11.15 p.m.	House No. 149, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	100
27	" 30	12.45 a.m.	American ship <i>Wandering Jew</i> , Victoria Harbour, .....	...	...	150,000
28	November 21	7.35 p.m.	House No. 111, Praya West,	1	...	6,000
29	December 13	11.15 p.m.	A matshed at Kun Chung,	1	...	200
30	" 13	4.30 p.m.	A squatter's hut on the Hillside at the back of Shaukiwan Station,	1	...	25
31	" 16	1 a.m.	House No. 110, Praya West,	1	...	8,000
32	" 17	1 a.m.	House No. 247, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	1	15,000
33	" 23	1.35 a.m.	House No. 285, Queen's Road Central, ...	3	2	4,000
34	" 24	6 p.m.	Houses Nos. 347 & 340, Queen's Road West, .....	...	2	5,325
35	" 30	1.10 a.m.	House No. 40, Queen's Road West,	2	2	5,000
TOTAL,						\$ 297,980

FIRES, 1896.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	No. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.
				Wholly.	Partly.	
1	January 15	7.45 p.m.	House No. 30, Wing Lok Street,	2	2	\$ 9,000
2	" 16	8.20 p.m.	House No. 63, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	...	30
3	" 25	10.30 p.m.	House No. 205, Queen's Road West,	1	...	1,000
4	February 1	12.30 a.m.	House No. 302, Queen's Road West,	1	...	2,600
5	" 6	1 a.m.	House No. 56, Jervois Street,	1	1	6,000
6	" 6	2.45 a.m.	House No. 57, Queen's Road West,	3	2	16,000
7	" 8	11.05 p.m.	House No. 133, Praya West,	2	1	6,000
8	" 26	4.25 a.m.	House No. 309, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	1	5,000
9	March 9	4 a.m.	House No. 367, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	...	5,000
10	April 1	5.10 a.m.	House No. 3, Wing Lok Street,	1	...	8,000
11	" 1	4.45 a.m.	House No. 288, Queen's Road West,	1	...	4,000
12	" 6	4.20 a.m.	House No. 21, Salt Fish Street,	1	...	8,700
13	" 8	4.15 a.m.	House No. 13, Wing Woo Street, .....	...	1	2,000
14	" 22	1.15 a.m.	House No. 48, Praya West, .....	...	1	3,000
15	" 24	3.15 a.m.	House No. 13, Cochrane Street, .....	...	1	600
16	" 26	8.45 a.m.	House No. 31, Belcher's St., Kennedy Town,	1	...	3,500
17	" 27	10.15 a.m.	House No. 238, Hollywood Road, .....	...	1	2,000
18	" 29	9.50 p.m.	House No. 115, Praya West, .....	...	1	2,300
19	May 9	1.10 a.m.	House No. 12, Sutherland Street, .....	...	1	50
20	" 14	10.15 p.m.	House No. 73, Jervois Street, .....	...	2	6,000
21	June 5	9.20 p.m.	House No. 3, Tsz Mi Lane, .....	...	1	1,290
22	" 15	7.30 a.m.	Licensed Cargo Boat No. 69, .....	...	...	4,500
23	" 29	3.30 p.m.	On Board the British barque <i>Glen Caladh</i>, .....	...	...	Unknown.
24	August 14	3.10 p.m.	House No. 10, Ship Street, .....	...	1	600
25	October 28	2.10 p.m.	House No. 137, Wing Lok Street,	1	...	7,000
26	November 5	12.40 a.m.	House No. 109, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	25
27	" 21	3.20 a.m.	House No. 138, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	200
28	December 8	8.30 p.m.	House No. 18, New Street, .....	...	1	1,000
29	" 10	1 a.m.	House No. 10, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	200
30	" 21	.....	House No. 63, Bonham Strand, .....	...	...	Trifling.
TOTAL,						\$ 105,595

FIRES, 1897.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	
				Wholly.	Partly.		
1	January	12	10.30 p.m.	On board the S.S. <i>Fausang</i>,.....	...	...	\$ 500
2	"	18	10.15 p.m.	House No. 138, Jervois Street,	1	...	25,000
3	February	3	4.20 a.m.	House No. 213, Praya West,	1	...	17,000
4	"	11	1.20 p.m.	House No. 24, Cross Street,.....	...	1	300
5	"	15	9.15 a.m.	Government Offices, Lower Albert Road, ..	...	...	200
6	"	28	1.35 a.m.	House No. 124, Jervois Street,	1	1	20,000
7	April	1	1.20 a.m.	House No. 14, Cross Street,.....	1	1	4,000
8	"	3	12.30 a.m.	House No. 158, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	200
9	"	11	2.24 a.m.	House No. 351, Queen's Road Central, ...	2	...	24,000
10	"	21	5.25 a.m.	House No. 90, Jervois Street, .....	...	14	3,000
11	"	21	10.15 p.m.	On board S.S. <i>Belgic</i>, .....	...	...	3,000
12	"	25	1.55 a.m.	House No. 95, Wing Lok Street,.....	...	1	5,000
13	May	1	7.40 p.m.	House No. 8, Cross Street, .....	...	1	700
14	"	20	1.45 a.m.	House No. 71, Jervois Street, .....	...	2	13,050
15	June	15	2.30 a.m.	House No. 114, Jervois Street, .....	...	3	34,000
16	July	23	10 p.m.	Hongkong Hotel, Queen's Road Central, .	...	1	300
17	"	27	11.55 p.m.	House No. 248, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	300
18	August	3	4.15 p.m.	House No. 15, Praya Fuk Tsun Heung,...	4	...	7,000
19	"	22	2.05 a.m.	House No. 213, Queen's Road West, .....	...	2	600
20	September	4	1.15 p.m.	House No. 16, Tung Loi Street, .....	...	3	6,900
21	"	18	7.15 a.m.	House No. 49, Quarry Bay,	1	...	600
22	"	19	12.20 p.m.	House No. 5, "Wild Dell," .....	...	1	300
23	November	24	11.35 p.m.	House No. 61, Third Street,.....	1	...	1,200
24	"	24	7 p.m.	House No. 53, Stanley Village,	5	...	3,000
25	"	28	7.10 a.m.	House No. 122, Second Street, .....	...	1	5,000
26	December	22	1.15 p.m.	H. M. Naval Yard, .....	...	1	2,000
TOTAL,						\$	177,150

FIRES, 1898.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	
				Wholly.	Partly.		
1	January	22	3.55 p.m.	House No. 21, Lyndhurst Terrace, .....	...	1	\$ 500.00
2	"	26	4.40 p.m.	Government Asylum, Eastern Street, .....	...	1	150.00
3	February	5	3.10 a.m.	House No. 46, Praya Central, .....	...	1	200.00
4	"	11	9 p.m.	House No. 125, Wanchai Road, .....	...	1	4,000.00
5	"	25	3.35 p.m.	Matshed at British Kowloon, .....	...	...	Unknown.
6	March	12	12.40 a.m.	House No. 2, Graham Street, .....	...	1	1,000.00
7	April	11	3 a.m.	House No. 288, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	600.00
8	May	10	11.10 p.m.	House No. 295, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	700.00
9	June	1	7.05 p.m.	House No. 67, Praya Central, .....	...	...	100.00
10	August	10	3 p.m.	House No. 22, Belchers Street, .....	...	1	7,000.00
11	September	10	2 p.m.	Matshed at the Peak,	7	...	200.00
12	October	10	5.30 p.m.	House No. 2, West Street, .....	...	2	11,628.74
13	November	18	7.30 a.m.	House No. 76, Praya East, .....	...	1	200.00
14	December	9	5.50 p.m.	House No. 56, Jardine's Bazaar,	1	1	2,500.00
15	"	12	6.15 p.m.	House No. 136, Queen's Road East,	1	1	800.00
16	"	13	10 a.m.	Hut at Shaukiwan,	5	1	5,423.00
TOTAL,						\$	35,001.74

FIRES. 1899.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.
				Wholly.	Partly.	
1	January 7	3.40 p.m.	House No. 33, Wing Wo Lane, .....	...	1	\$ 1,000
2	" 13	10.30 p.m.	House No. 35, Wongneichung, .....	...	...	100
3	" 20	10.30 p.m.	House No. 234, Hollywood Road, .....	...	1	1,500
4	" 29	2 p.m.	House No. 28, Nullah Terrace, Quarry Bay,	1	2	1,500
5	February 10	8.45 p.m.	House No. 143, Wanchai Road, .....	...	1	50
6	March 17	2.30 a.m.	House No. 3, Wai Sun Lane, .....	...	3	3,000
7	" 18	7.30 p.m.	House No. 226, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	3	30,000
8	" 19	12.30 p.m.	Hunghom West,	1 ^{mat- shed}	...	160
9	April 19	1.25 a.m.	House No. 61, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	200
10	May 2	7.15 a.m.	On board German Steamer <i>Sabine Rickmers</i> , Tai-Kok Tsui Wharf, .....	...	1	40
11	" 10	11.05 p.m.	House No. 118, Hollywood Road,	1	2	3,000
12	" 23	8.25 p.m.	House No. 100, Wellington Street, .....	...	1	300
13	June 10	11.50 a.m.	On board the British Steamer <i>Amara</i> , Wanchai Anchorage, .....	...	1	27,500
14	" 16	4.30 a.m.	Nos. 24 and 25, Praya Kennedy Town, ...	...	1	150,000
15	" 21	7.35 p.m.	House No. 205, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	2,500
16	July 18	Midnight.	Praya Kennedy Town near Chater Street, ...	1 ^{mat- shed}	...	200
17	August 8	3 a.m.	House No. 65, Queen's Road West,	1	...	2,880
18	" 10	8 p.m.	No. 2 Store, Kowloon Dock, .....	...	1	1,500
19	" 11	1 a.m.	House No. 83, Station Street, Yaumati, ...	3	...	600
20	" 12	12.15 a.m.	House No. 373, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	2	19,000
21	September 10	6.15 a.m.	McDonald Road,	1 ^{mat- shed}	...	Unknown.
22	October 5	6.15 p.m.	House No. 256, Des Vœux Road,	1	1	2,500
23	" 5	9.50 p.m.	House No. 235, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	1	6,500
24	" 11	9.20 p.m.	House No. 28, Praya West,	1	...	12,000
25	November 8	8.30 p.m.	House No. 1, Duddell Street, .....	...	1	150
26	" 9	6 a.m.	On board S.S. <i>Poseidon</i> in Victoria Harbour, .....	...	...	40,000
27	December 1	6.35 p.m.	Lam Lo Mi Village, Kowloon City,	2	...	154
28	" 2	6.30 a.m.	Nga Chin Loong Village, Kowloon City, ...	13 huts	...	180
29	" 13	6.20 a.m.	House No. 76, Jervois Street,	1	...	23,000
30	" 22	8.50 p.m.	Godowns next to Hing Lung Lane,	3	...	500,000
31	" 26	8.30 p.m.	House No. 1, Ship Street,	1	1	300
TOTAL,						\$ 829,814

FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1900.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	No. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
				Wholly.	Partly.			
1	Jan. 1	12 Noon.	House No. 29, Praya, Kennedy Town, .....	...	1	\$ 265.00	Carelessness while worshipping.	No insurance effected.
2	" 6	7.15 a.m.	House No. 25, West Street, .....	...	1	300.00	Overheating of flue.	Insured in the Chun On Insurance Co. for \$1,000.
3	" 8	8.15 p.m.	House No. 22, Western Street, .....	...	...	100.00	Falling of a kerosine lamp.	Insured with the Meiji Fire Insurance for \$2,000.
4	" 13	5.30 a.m.	Fishing Boats at Kau Pai Kang Village,	6 boats	...	40.00	Incendiarism. ....	.....
5	" 13	5.45 p.m.	Matshed at East Road, Tsim Sha Tsui,	1 mat-shed	...	3,000.00	Unknown.	Not covered by insurance.
6	" 16	2.15 p.m.	Matshed of Dairy Farm at Pokfulam,	1 mat-shed	...	3,000.00	Upsetting of a pot of tar on a fire.	18 cows burnt to death.
7	" 19	2.30 p.m.	House No. 22, Ma Tao Kok, .....	...	1	40.00	Accident.	Not insured.
8	" 20	7.00 p.m.	Shed at Sha Po Village, Kowloon City,	7 mat-sheds	...	30.00	Unknown.	Do.
9	" 25	3.15 a.m.	Caretaker's Matshed at Coffee Plantation Cemetery,	1 mat-shed	...	Unknown	Accident.	Do.
10	" 29	2.10 a.m.	House No. 335, Queen's Road Central,	1	...	7,500.00	Do.	Insured in the Meiji Insurance Co. for \$6,000.
11	" 30	11.19 a.m.	House No. 18, Cochrane Street, .....	...	1	2,000.00	Unknown.	Insured in Butterfield & Swire for \$1,000.
12	" 31	8.10 a.m.	House No. 10, High Street, .....	...	1	200.00	Caused by firing crackers.	No insurance.
13	Feb. 2	7.10 p.m.	House No. 11, Shing Hing Lane, West Point, .....	...	2	3,300.00	Upsetting of a kerosine lamp.	Covered by insurance in the South British Insurance Office to the extent of \$1,000.
14	" 4	10.30 p.m.	House at Ma On Kong Village, Pat Heung, .....	...	1	15.00	Accident. ....	.....
15	" 10	2.25 p.m.	Matshed opposite Harbour Office,	1 mat-shed	...	100.00	Unknown.	Not insured.
16	" 16	5.15 p.m.	Carpenters' Matshed at Hung Hom Cement Works,	5 mat-sheds	...	1,100.00	Caused by burning joss-sticks.	Do.
17	" 22	2.00 a.m.	House No. 25, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	1,700.00	Unknown.	Premises insured in Holliday, Wise & Co. for \$2,000. A woman Leung Tai was burnt to death.
18	March 1	11.40 p.m.	House No. 11, Hollywood Road, .....	...	1	50.00	Do.	Insured in the Union Assurance Society for \$1,000.
19	" 9	3.00 p.m.	House No. 77, Wellington Street, .....	...	1	800.00	Do.	Insured in the Tung On Insurance Office for \$1,300.
20	" 11	7.50 p.m.	House No. 128, Winglok Street, .....	...	1	1,000.00	Do.	Covered by insurance in the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Insurance Co. for \$11,600.
21	" 20	12.15 a.m.	House No. 324, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	1	1,500.00	Overheating of a stove.	Insured in Meiji Fire Insurance Co. for \$2,000.
22	" 28	1.00 a.m.	House No. 287, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	30.00	Unknown.	Insured in Sebellhass & Co. for \$5,000.
23	" 31	5.00 p.m.	House No. 7, Wild Dell Buildings, .....	...	1	15.00	Overheating of a pipe.	Not insured.
24	April 1	9.15 p.m.	"Bluff," Plantation Road, Peak,	1	...	Unknown	Unknown.	Do.
25	" 12	2.30 p.m.	House No. 230, To Kwa Wau,	1	...	300.00	Do.	Do.
26	" 16	3.00 p.m.	Hung Hom Docks,	1 mat-shed	...	Unknown	Do.	Do.
27	" 21	.....	An unoccupied House in Ha Mi Lane, Ping Shan,	1	...	80.00	Do.	Do.
28	" 29	7.30 p.m.	A Stack of breaming grass on the Aberdeen Road, .....	...	...	220.00	Do.	No insurance.
29	May 4	9.00 p.m.	A Stack of grass at Hung Hom West, .....	...	...	30.00	Do.	Do.
30	" 29	7.30 a.m.	House No. 36, Upper Lasear Row, .....	...	1	400.00	Do.	Covered by insurance in the Atlas Assurance Co.
						\$ 27,115.00		
							Carried forward,	

FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1900,—Continued.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	No. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
				Wholly.	Partly.			
31	June 21	12.40 a.m.	<i>Brought forward,</i>	...	...	27,115.00	Overheating of some tobacco.	Insured in Siemens & Co.'s Office for \$5,700.
32	July 3	8.50 p.m.	House No. 237, Queen's Road West,	1	1	200.00	Capsizing of a lamp.	Covered by insurance in Butterfield & Swire's Office.
33	" 13	7.30 p.m.	House No. 1A, Copnaught Road,	1	1	60.00	Unknown.	Not insured.
34	" 16	2.35 a.m.	House No. 11, Tai Wong Lane,	1	1	43.00	Do.	Do.
35	" 21	3.45 a.m.	House No. 274, Queen's Road Central,	1	1	8,000.00	Overheating of a stove.	Insured for \$9,000 in the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Agents, David Sassoon Sons & Co.
36	Aug. 29	6.00 p.m.	Cargo Boat No. 374,	1 cargo boat	...	1,679.73	Unknown.	500 cases of Kerosine Oil were destroyed.
37	Sept. 13	10.00 p.m.	Cargo Boat No. 61,	1 cargo boat	...	3,950.00	Do.	1,500 damaged cases of Kerosine Oil were destroyed.
38	" 16	11.45 a.m.	Squatters' Matsbed at Tai Hang Village near Yau Ma Ti,	17 matsbeds	...	937.00	Do.	Not insured.
39	" 19	9.45 p.m.	Matsbed at Yau Ma Ti Village,	4 matsbeds	...	200.00	Do.	Do.
40	" 25	.....	Matsbed at Sai Kung,	1 matsbed	...	100.00	Accident while worshipping.	Do.
41	" 28	10.15 p.m.	Boat-building Matsbed, Mong Kok Tsui,	32 matsbeds	...	30,000.00	Unknown,	Do.
42	" 29	7.30 a.m.	Matsbed at Robinson Road, Tsim Sha Tsui,	3 matsbeds	...	1,000.00	Do.	Do.
43	Oct. 13	2.00 a.m.	House No. 58, Jervois Street,	1	1	8,700.00	Do.	Insured in the Union Insurance Society for \$12,000.
44	Nov. 13	3.50 a.m.	House No. 122, Jervois Street,	1	1	19,000.00	Exploding of a kerosine lamp.	Insured in the South British Fire and Marine Insurance Co. for \$14,000; Chun On Fire Insurance Co. for \$4,000; Tung On Fire Insurance Co. for \$3,000.
45	" 16	8.40 p.m.	House No. 26, Sui Woo Lane, .....	...	...	1,500.00	Accident.	Insured in the Tung On and Sun Insurance Co.'s for \$4,000 each.
46	" 27	8.30 a.m.	House No. 93, Market Street, Hung Hom,	1	1	800.00	Caused by burning joss-sticks.	Not insured.
47	Dec. 2	2.44 a.m.	House No. 275, Queen's Road Central,	1	1	2,500.00	Exploding of a kerosine lamp.	Insured for \$10,000 with the North German Fire Insurance Co.
48	" 9	6.50 p.m.	House No. 9, Beaconsfield Arcade,	1	1	4,000.00	Supposed to have been caused by a kerosine lamp.	Insured for \$3,000 with the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., and \$4,400 with the Commercial Union Insurance Co.
49	" 10	.....	Matsbed at Valley Road,	1 matsbed	...	400.00	By a spark from cook-house fire.	Not insured.
50	" 15	9.20 p.m.	Matsbed at Yau Ma Ti,	7 matsbeds	...	265.00	Do.	Do.
51	" 20	1.50 a.m.	House No. 235, Queen's Road West,	1	1	20,000.00	Exploding of a lamp.	Covered by insurance.
TOTAL,						\$ 130,599.73		

F. H. MAX,
Superintendent of Fire Brigade.

INCIPIENT FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1900.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
1	Jan.	6.10 p.m.	House No. 6, Ah Chung Lane,	Trifling	Chimney on fire.	Put out by inmates and Fire Brigade.
2	"	9.00 p.m.	Cook House at Seymour Road,	\$20	Some firewood accidentally caught fire.	Put out by Police.
3	"	6.30 p.m.	House No. 2, Stanton Street,	\$3	Bed curtains accidentally caught fire.	Put out by Police and inmates.
4	"	8.00 p.m.	House No. 11, Kwong Un Street East, .....	..	Chimney on fire.	Do.
5	"	5.30 p.m.	House No. 30, Stanley Street,	\$0.50	Flue of cook-house caught fire.	Do.
6	"	3.30 p.m.	House No. 36, West Street, .....	..	Venetians of a window caught fire.	Put out by inmates and a Sanitary Inspector.
7	"	4.30 p.m.	Readside between Kim Chung and Yau-Ma-Ti, .....	..	Grass on fire.	Extinguished by Police.
8	"	6.00 p.m.	House No. 157, Hollywood Road, .....	..	Chimney on fire.	Put out by the inmates.
9	"	5.43 a.m.	House No. 11, Upper Lascar Row, .....	..	Do.	Do.
10	"	6.30 p.m.	House No. 42, Queen's Road West, .....	..	Grass on fire.	Put out by inmates and Police.
11	"	4.00 p.m.	Hillside near the Tung Tau Chau Cemetery, .....	..	Do.	Extinguished by the Police and hired Coolies.
12	"	6.30 p.m.	Hillside at the Junction of Valley and Leighton Roads, .....	..	Chimney on fire.	Extinguished by Police.
13	"	12.20 p.m.	Cook-house of Messrs. D. Sassoon & Co.'s Office,	Trifling	Unknown.	Extinguished by inmates.
14	Feb.	3.00 a.m.	Some wood on Praya Central,	\$100	Chimney on fire.	Put out by Police and Coolies.
15	"	.....	House No. 14, Albany Road,	\$5	Some firewood caught fire.	Extinguished by Firemen.
16	"	6.00 p.m.	Small Matched at Hung Hom Cement Works,	\$20	Accident.	Extinguished by the employees.
17	"	8.00 p.m.	A Stack of Grass at Hung Hom West, .....	..	Overheating of the cooking stove	Put out by the Coolies with a Manual Engine from the Match Factory.
18	"	4.30 p.m.	Cook-house at the Ko Shing Theatre,	\$5	Chimney on fire.	Put out by Police assisted by Coolies.
19	"	.....	House No. 52, Stanton Street, .....	..	Grass on fire.	Put out by occupants.
20	"	6.00 p.m.	Hillside at Liu Pok near Sau Tin, .....	..	Grass on fire.	Put out by villagers.
21	"	8.45 p.m.	House No. 6, Lee House Street, .....	..	Chimney on fire.	Put out by Fire Brigade.
22	"	.....	House No. 48, Stanley Street, .....	..	Do.	Put out by inmates.
23	Mar.	8.00 p.m.	House No. 133, Praya Central, .....	..	Accident.	Do.
24	"	4.30 p.m.	Hillside at Ku La Wan Mount Kellet, .....	..	Grass on fire.	Put out by Police. Twenty young trees were burnt.
25	Apr.	7.30 p.m.	House No. 28, Upper Lascar Row,	Trifling	Flue on fire.	Put out by inmates.
26	"	8.00 p.m.	House No. 8, Jubilee Street, .....	..	Explosion of a kerosine tin.	Do.
27	"	10.00 a.m.	House No. 153, Des Vaux Road, .....	..	Carelessness with lighted joss sticks.	Do.
28	May	12.15 a.m.	House No. 17, Eastern Street,	Trifling	Do.	Do.
29	"	2.15 a.m.	House No. 71, Second Street, .....	..	Falling of a kerosine lamp.	Do.
30	June	8.30 p.m.	House No. 343, Queen's Road Central,	\$3	Unknown.	Put out by Police and occupants.
31	"	10.30 p.m.	House No. 145, Third Street, .....	..	Falling of a kerosine lamp.	Put out by Police and inmates.
32	July	8.30 p.m.	House No. 481, Queen's Road West, .....	..	Do.	Put out by inmates.
33	"	6.23 p.m.	House No. 103, Queen's Road Central, .....	..	Chimney on fire.	Put out by Firemen.
34	"	7.40 p.m.	House No. 349, Queen's Road West, .....	..	Falling of a kerosine lamp.	Put out by inmates.
35	Aug.	10.05 p.m.	No. 9 Store Arsenal Yard, .....	..	Unknown.	Put out by Police and Firemen.
36	"	3.00 p.m.	Small Matched adjoining Yuk Hu Temple Leung On Street, Wanchai,	\$20	Sparks from joss candles.	Put out by a Fireman on duty.
37	Sept.	.....	House No. 126, Praya East,	Trifling	Upspitting of a kerosine.	Put out by inmates.
38	"	8.30 p.m.	House No. 287, Des Vaux Road,	\$40	Overheating of an oven.	Do.
39	"	4.20 p.m.	House No. 150, Hollywood Road,	\$10	Unknown.	Put out by Police and inmates.
40	"	3.18 a.m.	House No. 20, Bridges Street, .....	..	Chimney on fire.	Put out by Firemen.
41	"	.....	House No. 30, Gage Street,	Trifling	Mosquito curtain accidentally caught fire.	Put out by inmates.
				\$226.50		

Carried forward,

INCIPIENT FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1900,—Continued.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
42	Sept. 19	1.55 a.m.	<i>Brought forward.</i>	\$226.50	Unknown.	Put out by Firemen.
43	" 22	7.05 p.m.	At the back of House No. 178, Third Street,	\$30	Explosion of a kerosine lamp.	Put out by inmates.
44	" 23	6.20 p.m.	House No. 2, Pan Kwai Lane,	Trifling	Accident.	Put out by Police and villagers.
45	" 25	2.43 p.m.	A House at Sai Kung Village,	\$8	Do.	Put out by Firemen.
46	" 27	1.30 a.m.	House No. 38, Wing On Street,	\$20	Explosion of a kerosine lamp.	Put out by inmates.
47	Oct. 3	10.00 a.m.	House No. 16, Gage Street,	Trifling	Accident.	Put out by Police and villagers.
48	" 16	9.00 a.m.	A Matshed at Tai O,	\$150	Unknown.	Put out by inmates.
49	" 17	1.00 a.m.	House No. 44, Jardine Bazaar,	\$200	Supposed to have been caused by sparks from the funnel of Steam Launch <i>Kwong Yung</i> which was towing her.	Put out by the Crew of the Junk and Firemen.
50	" 21	4.00 p.m.	Cargo Boat No. 367,	Unknown	Unknown.	Put out by European employees and Ship's Crew.
51	" 22	12 Noon.	U.S.S. <i>Monterey</i> , lying at Hung Hom Docks,	...	Grass on fire.	Put out by Police and hired Coolies.
52	" 23	11.11 p.m.	Hillside at Tung Tao Chow, Stanley,	Trifling	Unknown.	Put out by Police and inmates.
53	" 25	6.00 p.m.	Kwong King Painter Shop, Staunton Street,	\$1	Accident.	Do.
54	" 26	3.30 a.m.	House No. 129, Shaunkwan,	Trifling	Do.	Put out by Dock employees.
55	" 26	1.30 p.m.	Matcheds at Hung Hom Docks,	\$10	Grass on fire.	Put out by Police.
56	" 27	11.00 a.m.	Hillside off Chamberlain Road,	...	Do.	Put out by Police and villagers.
57	" 31	12.30 p.m.	Foreshore, West of Stanley Village,	\$3	Do.	Put out by Police and hired Coolies.
58	Nov. 1	2.00 a.m.	Hillside near Pokfulam Road,	...	Upsetting of a kerosine lamp.	Put out by Police and inmates.
59	" 1	Noon.	House No. 20, Belchers Street,	\$3	Grass on fire.	Put out by villagers.
60	" 3	8.05 a.m.	Hillside between Ki Lung Ha and Yung Shu Au Village at Sai Kung,	\$10	Unknown.	Put out by Firemen.
61	" 5	10.00 a.m.	Back part of House No. 148, Des Vœux Road,	...	Grass on fire.	Put out by villagers.
62	" 6	6.20 p.m.	Hillside between Tai Mong Tsai and Cham Chuk Wan Village, Sai Kung,	\$8	Accident with burning joss sticks.	Put out by Police.
63	" 9	4.44 p.m.	A small Grocery Store at San Tin,	...	Chimney on fire.	Put out by inmates.
64	" 16	12 Noon.	House No. 68, Lower Lascar Row,	...	Grass on fire.	Put out by Police and Soldiers.
65	" 17	1.30 p.m.	Hillside between Pokfulam and Mount Barracks,	\$6	Unknown.	Burnt itself out.
66	" 18	11.00 p.m.	Matched at Wong Nai Au, Tai Po,	...	Accident with a lighted cigarette.	Put out by Police.
67	" 22	6.00 a.m.	Koshing Theatre,	\$50	Accident.	Put out by inmates.
68	" 27	.....	House No. 11, Gough Street,	Trifling	Grass on fire.	Put out by Firemen.
69	Dec. 6	4.12 p.m.	Hillside North of Wanchai Gap Road,	...	Accident.	Put out by inmates and Police.
70	" 14	1.40 a.m.	House No. 46, Hollywood Road,	\$5	Do.	Do.
71	" 19	5.55 a.m.	House No. 127, First Street,	\$1.60	Grass on fire.	Put out by Police and hired Coolies.
72	" 26	2.00 p.m.	House No. 137, Second Street,	...	Do.	Put out by men from Tai Tam Reservoir. A large number of fir trees were damaged.
73	" 26	4.00 p.m.	Hillside near Ki Shi Wan, Stanley,	...	Do.	Put out by inmates.
			Hillside half way between Tai Tam Tuk and Tai Tam Reservoir,	...	Do.	
74	" 31	3.00 a.m.	House No. 206, Hollywood Road,	...	Unknown.	
			TOTAL,	\$729.10		

F. H. MAY,
Superintendent of Fire Brigade.