

Seeing that the majority of the pools in the Kennedy Town district which are most suitable for Anopheles breeding-places are formed by springs which issue from the hillside, it would appear useless to try to do away with them simply by the process of filling them up, as such a course does not cut off the water supply, or stop the spring, which running on as before very soon forms other small pools which are equally as suitable for breeding-places as were those which have been filled up.

Hence it would seem that unless one can cut off, or drain away at once all water which constitutes these small springs, to just fill up the pools which they form is but labour in vain, and I am satisfied that it is impossible to effectually drain the whole of the Kennedy Town district, except at considerable cost, although cheap native-made drain-pipes might be laid in a few places with great advantage, nor do I think the training of nullahs would effectually eradicate such breeding-places, as I have recently found Anopheles larvæ swarming upon the floor of a masonry nullah, even although it has a very good fall, viz. 1 in 6.

Down this nullah, in common with most nullahs in the dry season, there is now only a very small trickling stream.

In the rainy season when there is a stream of some volume it would be impossible for these larvæ to exist there.

As however I mentioned in a paper read before the South China Branch of the British Medical Association on April 2nd last, when reporting the discovery of the Anopheles mosquito in the Colony, I think much good might be done by the judicious application during the dry season of various insecticides such as Kerosine, Jeyes' Fluid, Gas Tar and the like to the pools which form its breeding-places and this might easily be effected for the district in question by detailing an intelligent coolie for the purpose under the supervision of Inspector Watson, who is well acquainted with this mosquito and its larvæ, he being first associated with me in the discovery of the insect's habitat.

Had this plan been adopted at the commencement of the dry season, and all pools in the district been so treated periodically up to the present time, there would now remain very few of the Anopheles larvæ in the neighbourhood, and this might have been accomplished at a comparatively small cost.

From continual observation I am satisfied that this, combined with such surface drainage as may be practicable, is the only method which will ever keep down the Anopheles pest in the Kennedy Town district, and I am not at all sure that even this plan would be entirely successful as all kinds of mosquitos multiply at a prolific rate. It would however go a long way towards having the desired effect.

Native Staff.—During the year the Chinese in the department received a substantial increase of pay, although I regret that nothing has so far been done to improve that of the European subordinate staff.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. VIVIAN LADDS.

The Acting Secretary,
SANITARY BOARD.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 308.

The following is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th May, 1901.

Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 364.

CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—HANKOW DISTRICT.

ESTABLISHMENT OF RANGE BEACONS AND LIGHTS FOR KING-KAU ROCKS.

Notice is hereby given that Range Beacons and Lights have been established at Hsia-sha-hu, on the east bank of the river about 2 miles above the King-kau Rocks, to guide vessels between the rock in the centre of the river and the rocks lying abreast of it off the east bank.

The rear and higher Beacon exhibits a *red* light 48 feet above ground; the fore Beacon, a *white* light 36 feet above ground.

The line of these Beacons passes about 350 feet to the eastward of the central rock and a similar distance off the broken water forming the east side of the channel.

The Beacon-poles are surmounted by triangular shapes and painted *black*.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
SHANGHAI, 2nd May 1901.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 365.

CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—CHINKIANG DISTRICT.

RANGE BEACONS AND LIGHTS ESTABLISHED AT SILVER ISLAND CROSSING.

Notice is hereby given that Range Beacons and Lights have been established on the left bank of the river, to the northward of Feather Island, to guide vessels over the Silver Island Crossing.

The rear and higher Beacon bears a square black shape, exhibits a *red* light, and its light-hut is painted *black*.

The fore Beacon bears a diamond black and white shape, exhibits a *white* light, and its light-hut is painted *white*.

A recent survey shows a least depth of 25 feet (at Chinkiang zero) on the line marked by these Beacons; but on either side, in the neighbourhood of the Silver Island Spit Buoy, there are patches of 23 feet at a distance of about 100 feet from the line.

CAUTION.

It is uncertain to what extent the axis of the channel may shift, and the depth is liable to somewhat rapid change; consequently the information given above as to the amount of water should be used with caution.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
SHANGHAI, 2nd May 1901.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 291.

The following Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, Kowloon, will be sold by Public Auction at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on Monday, the 3rd day of June, 1901, at 3 p.m. :—

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1,127.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see page 995 of the *Government Gazette* for 1901.

By Command.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office. Hongkong, 18th May, 1901.

List of unclaimed Telegrams lying in the Joint Telegraph Companies' Offices at Hongkong.

Beckerhein.
Bruff Comedy.
Butler Duncan Pigtail.
Cheehosiang.
Chingtai.
Cheong Seng Loong.
Dellagruz.
Duncan Chesney.
Farwell Writer.
Honjoo.
Kamcheong.
Kongyuchong.
Kwongsingloong.
Laihopyuen.
Lapraik.
Lichuenshang.
Matthew, Joseph, Torpedo Depot.
Powlee.
Quanonsung.

Sham.
Siongshoochan.
Steamer *Winland*.
Sunsanyuen.
Thl.
Toksham.
Turgens.
Tychongsoon.
Watanabe. Messagerie.
Yeeou.
Yerex.
Yuenmow.
5233, 3266, 3964, 2875, 1311, 2950 (Wingon Tai, West Point).
5940, (Kwong Yu Yun) Two.
0651, 3031. (Nam Wan).
0208. (Swee Keechan).
5502, 7127 (Manloong).
2688, 5288 (Wing Kee).

F. VON DER PFORDTEN,
Manager in China.

Hongkong Station, 24th May, 1901.