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HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,
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SIR,—I have the honour to forward the Annual Report for this Department for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

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SHIPPING.

1. The total tonnage entering and clearing during the year 1900 amounted to 18,445,134 tons, being an increase, compared with 1899, of 343,825 tons.

There were 41,223 arrivals of 9,228,762 tons, and 41,233 departures of 9,216,372 tons.

Of British Ocean-going tonnage, 2,841,936 tons entered, 2,821,410 tons cleared.

Of River Steamers (British) 1,746,674 tons entered, and 1,745,178 tons cleared; making a grand total of British tonnage of 9,155,198 tons entering and clearing.

Of Foreign Ocean-going tonnage, 2,425,086 tons entered, and 2,425,311 tons cleared.

Of Foreign River Steamers, 8,286 tons entered, and 8,286 tons cleared; making a grand total of Foreign tonnage of 4,866,969 tons entering and clearing.

Of Junks in Foreign Trade, 1,604,632 tons entered, and 1,620,224 tons cleared.

Of Junks in Local Trade, 602,148 tons entered, and 595,963 tons cleared.

Thus—

British Ocean-going tonnage	represented	30.7%.
,,	River	19.0%.
Foreign Ocean-going	,,	26.3%.
,,	River	0.1%.
Junk (Foreign Trade)	,,	17.4%.
,, (Local Trade)	,,	6.5%.

2. Five thousand three hundred and ninety-five (5,395) steamers, 78 sailing vessels and 17,732 junks in Foreign Trade entered during the year, giving a daily average of 63.6 as against 76.9 in 1899.

For European constructed vessels the daily average entry would be 14.99 against 14.91 in 1899, and, of the vessels entering 68.77 were British.

3. A comparison between the years 1899 and 1900 is shewn in the following Table :—
Comparative Shipping Return for the Years 1899 and 1900.

	1899.		1900.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.	Ships.	Tonnage.
British,.....	7,408	8,725,016	7,511	9,155,198	103	430,182	...	...
Foreign,	3,497	4,712,131	3,429	4,866,969	...	154,838	68	...
Junks in Foreign Trade,	{ * 45,067	{ * 3,696,184	{ 35,425	{ 3,224,856	...	...	9,642	471,328
Total,.....	55,972	17,133,331	46,365	17,247,023	103	585,020	9,710	471,328
Junks in Local Trade,	{ + 32,655	{ + 967,978	{ + 36,091	{ + 1,198,111	3,436	230,133	...	...
Grand Total,...	88,627	18,101,309	82,456	18,445,134	3,539	815,153	9,710	471,328
NETT,.....					...	343,825	6,171	...

* Including 4,918 Conservancy and Dust Boats measuring 108,834 tons.

† Including 12,826 Conservancy and Dust Boats measuring 316,300 tons.

‡ Including 13,724 Conservancy and Dust Boats measuring 460,196 tons.

4. For vessels under the British flag this table shews an increase of 103 ships measuring 430,182 tons, but when taking into account the decrease in River Trade under this flag, viz., 111 vessels of 58,317 tons, the actual increase to Ocean-going trade would be 214 ships of 488,499 tons. The falling off in River Trade may be wholly ascribed to the Steamers *Samshui*, *Wuchow*, *Hoi Tong* and *Kiu Lum* being sold and off the run.

Of the increase mentioned above the chief factors are:—(i) The turning over of many of the China Merchant Steamers to British Colours. (ii) The fact of a greater percentage of tramp steamers calling than heretofore (principally carrying coal). (iii) The increased size of many of the liners on home routes. And (iv) The fact of some of the coasters calling at the port more frequently than they did last year.

For vessels under Foreign flags there is a numerical decrease of 68 shewn, but with an increased tonnage of 154,838 tons, the falling off in vessels is ascribed to the turning over of a portion of the China Merchants fleet to the British flag, also further augmented by a falling off in vessels under the United States, Japanese and Norwegian colours. The increase in tonnage is explained by the greatly increased size of many of the German Steamers also to the Scottish Oriental Steamship Company turning over to German colours, which has considerably augmented the tonnage under this flag. Vessels under French colours have also helped to enhance the increase, which is explained by their making more trips than were made last year.

5. The actual number of ships of European construction (exclusive of River steamers), entering the port during the year 1900, was 709—being 363 British and 346 Foreign.

These 709 vessels entered 3,440 times and gave a total tonnage of 5,267,022 tons. In 1899, 603 vessels entered 3,361 times and gave an aggregate tonnage of 4,940,218 tons.

Thus 106 more vessels entered 79 more times and gave a total tonnage increased by 326,804 tons.

STEAMERS.

Flag.	Ships.		No. of Times Entered.		Total Tonnage.	
	1899.	1900.	1899.	1900.	1899.	1900.
British,.....	289	332	1,654	1,759	2,557,920	2,792,973
Austrian,	11	18	27	41	71,195	102,727
Belgian,	3	3	4	4	4,574	5,963
Chinese,	18	16	191	99	248,809	128,479
Danish,	7	6	11	8	23,560	17,789
Dutch,	1	5	2	13	2,470	22,846
French,.....	20	19	221	232	218,669	229,954
German,	78	107	632	656	826,275	952,870
Hawaiian,.....	1	...	2	...	4,596	...
Italian,.....	6	3	15	13	26,710	19,782
Japanese,.....	68	83	330	314	671,817	649,288
Norwegian,	25	21	125	110	117,220	122,859
Portuguese,	2	2	31	38	1,672	5,856
Russian,	3	11	4	12	4,889	24,799
Spanish,	1	...	6	...	3,516	...
Swedish, .....	...	1	...	6	...	5,934
United States,.....	17	12	48	53	80,493	87,206
No Flag, .....	...	4	...	4	...	593
Total,.....	550	643	3,303	3,362	4,864,385	5,169,918

SAILING VESSELS.

Flag.	Ships.		No. of Times Entered.		Total Tonnage.	
	1899.	1900.	1899.	1900.	1899.	1900.
British,.....	23	31	27	40	29,558	48,963
German,	5	3	5	3	9,241	6,303
Italian,	1	1	1	1	794	720
United States,	24	25	25	27	36,240	39,056
Danish,.....	...	2	...	2	...	895
French, .....	...	2	...	3	...	337
Japanese,.....	...	1	...	1	...	515
Norwegian, .....	...	1	...	1	...	315
Total,.....	53	66	58	78	75,833	97,104

6. The 363 British ships carried 2,667 British Officers and 15 Foreign Officers, as follows:—

British.....	2,667
Danish	3
German	4
United States	8
Total,.....	2,682

The proportion of Foreign Officers was, therefore, 0.55 %, comprising 3 nationalities—a decrease of 0.63 % with an increase of ships.

The 346 Foreign Ships carried 2,291 Officers, of whom 274 were British, borne as follows:—

In Japanese ships	133
,, Chinese ,,,	60
,, German ,,,	39
,, United States ,,,	19
,, Dutch ,,,	8
,, French ,,,	6
,, Russian ,,,	6
,, Portuguese ,,,	3
Total,.....	274

The proportion of British Officers in Foreign ships was, therefore, 11.9 % distributed among 8 nationalities. A decrease of 3.7 % on 1899, with an increase of 55 ships.

Of the crews of British vessels—

18.4 % were British.

1.3 % ,,, Other Europeans.

80.3 % ,,, Asiatics.

Of the crews of Foreign vessels—

1.8 % were British.

28.9 % ,,, Other Europeans.

69.3 % ,,, Asiatics.

This shows a slight falling off of Asiatics with a corresponding increase in the proportion of Europeans.

At the same time there is an increase in the percentage of "Other Europeans" employed in British ships, and a slight falling off of British seamen employed in Foreign vessels.

TRADE.

7. The principal features to be remarked as to the trade of the port for the year 1900 are:—

- (i) A great increase in Sugar Imports amounting to 76.6 %.
- (ii) A great increase in Timber showing 74.2 %.
- (iii) A great increase in Flour representing 66.1 %.
- (iv) A great increase in Coal Imports amounting to 65.7 %.
- (v) A large increase in Hemp representing 60.7 %.
- (vi) Bulk Oil is almost at a standstill compared with last year; but Case Oil shows a decline of 10,609 tons.
- (vii) The Rice Trade which reached its culminating point last year, has fallen back by 98,801 tons and may now be said to be at its normal condition.

The net increase in Imports reported amounts to 422,717 tons.

In Exports there is a decrease of 70,666 tons.

The Transit cargo shows an increase of 186,046 tons.

The foregoing information regarding Trade statistics must be taken as a rough approximation only.

8. The total Import Trade of the port for 1900 amounts to 23,205 vessels of 8,626,614 tons carrying 6,342,138 tons of cargo of which 4,198,389 tons were discharged at Hongkong. This does not include tonnage, number or cargo of Local Trade Junks.

COUNTRY.	SHIPS.	TONS.	CARGO.	
			Discharged.	In Transit.
CLASS I.				
Canada,	20	57,533	32,303	...
Continent of Europe,	136	380,661	100,352	381,839
Great Britain,	175	470,437	297,515	511,853
Mauritius,	1	828	300	...
United States,	143	357,075	275,442	59,407
	475	1,266,534	705,912	953,099
CLASS II.				
Australia and New Zealand,	45	78,012	25,132	29,334
India and Straits Settlements,	121	229,597	146,718	90,352
Japan,	414	920,433	890,356	287,846
Java and Indian Archipelago,	186	243,043	274,346	48,501
North and South Pacific,	1	47	8	...
Russia in Asia,	6	9,878	8,520	1,000
	773	1,481,010	1,345,080	457,033
CLASS III.				
North Borneo,	17	25,442	37,468	...
Coast of China,	1,178	1,567,478	283,942	685,047
Cochin-China,	156	178,964	311,242	3,000
Formosa,	113	93,754	26,769	...
Philippine Islands,	183	217,572	106,854	8,200
Hainan and Gulf of Tonkin,	351	270,813	345,636	31,940
Siam,	154	163,035	243,013	3,030
Macao,	39	8,791	...	...
Kiaochow,	1	3,623	800	2,400
	2,192	2,519,478	1,355,724	733,617
CLASS IV.				
River Steamers,—Canton, Macao and West River,	2,033	1,754,960	197,606	...
CLASS V.				
Junks in Foreign Trade,	17,732	1,604,632	594,067	...
TOTAL,.....	23,205	8,626,614	4,198,389	2,143,749

Similarly, the Export Trade for 1900 was represented by 23,160 vessels of 8,620,409 tons carrying 2,836,905 tons of cargo, and shipping 489,456 tons of Bunker Coal.

COUNTRY.	SHIPS.	TONS.	CARGO.	
			Shipped.	Bunker Coal.
CLASS I.				
Canada,	21	55,229	16,957	...
Continent of Europe,	81	234,726	71,053	25,750
Great Britain,	81	271,455	118,451	2,925
Mauritius,	2	1,811	1,292	1,100
Natal,	1	1,474	600	400
South America,	1	1,616	2,460	...
United States,	115	286,757	200,135	3,680
CLASS II.		302	853,068	410,948
Australia and New Zealand,	41	76,387	28,929	7,735
India and Straits Settlements,	201	416,969	253,757	52,466
Japan,	392	834,696	240,913	52,075
Java and Indian Archipelago,	49	71,957	13,608	15,000
Russia in Asia,	26	39,741	42,050	4,181
CLASS III.		709	1,439,750	579,257
North Borneo,	17	26,325	5,866	6,885
Coast of China,	1,582	2,116,568	401,185	161,052
Cochin-China,	152	179,278	54,584	30,018
Formosa,	10	9,718	42,266	550
Philippine Islands,	155	192,916	180,097	32,433
Hainan and Gulf of Tonkin,	370	289,588	88,369	40,394
Siam,	86	92,461	42,670	22,673
Kiaochow,	14	36,857	1,464	3,895
Macao,	38	7,051	1,617	...
Weihaiwei,	2	3,141	600	550
CLASS IV.		2,426	2,953,903	818,718
River Steamers,—Canton, Macao and West River,	2,030	1,753,464	124,307	25,694
CLASS V.				
Junks in Foreign Trade,	17,693	1,620,224	903,675	...
TOTAL,.....		23,160	8,620,409	489,456

Comparing this with 1899, we find that the Import Trade has increased, the increase being general among all the classes.

The Transit cargo has also increased in classes I and III but in class II a falling off of 97,550 tons is shown.

In Exports, although the tonnage cleared has increased by 57,282 tons, yet the number of vessels is less by 4,802 and the Export cargo has diminished by 77,892 tons.

9. During the year 10,940 vessels of European construction of 14,022,167 tons (Net Register) carried 8,170,757 tons of cargo, as follows:—

Import Cargo	3,604,322
Export „	1,933,230
Transit „	2,143,749
Bunker Coal shipped	489,456
	8,170,757

The total number of tons carried was, therefore, 58.3 % of the total registered tonnage, or 74.5 % exclusive of River Steamers, and was apportioned as follows:—

Imports—

British Ships,	.....	2,030,697	
Foreign do.,	.....	1,573,625	
<hr/>			3,604,322

Exports—

British Ships,	.....	1,188,608	
Foreign do.,	.....	744,622	
<hr/>			1,933,230

Transit—

British Ships,	.....	1,139,173	
Foreign do.,	.....	1,004,576	
<hr/>			2,143,749

Bunker Coal—

British Ships,	.....	274,681	
Foreign do.,	.....	214,775	
<hr/>			489,456
<hr/>			Grand Total,.....8,170,757

Trade of the Port of Hongkong for the Year ending 31st December, 1900.

	No. of Ships.	TONS.					Passengers Carried
		Discharged.	Shipped.	In Transit.	Bunker Coal Shipped.	Total.	
British,.....	3,584	1,843,267	1,076,002	1,139,173	249,583	4,308,025	5,663,346
Foreign,	3,293	1,563,449	732,885	1,004,576	214,024	3,514,934	4,840,397
River Steamers (British),.....	3,927	187,430	112,606	...	25,098	325,134	3,501,852
Do. (Foreign), ...	136	10,176	11,737	...	751	22,664	16,572
Total,.....	10,940	3,604,322	1,933,230	2,143,749	489,456	8,170,757	14,022,167
Junks in Foreign Trade,	35,425	594,067	903,675	...	...	1,497,742	3,224,856
Total,.....	46,365	4,198,389	2,836,905	2,143,749	489,456	9,668,499	17,247,023
Junks in Local Trade,	26,091	164,015	20,354	...	...	194,369	1,198,111
Grand Total,.....	82,456	4,362,404	2,867,259	2,143,749	489,456	9,862,868	18,445,133
							1,028,154 919,282 83,643 2,031,079

IMPORTS.

EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTED VESSELS.

	1899.		1900.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Steamers	3,303	4,864,385	3,362	5,169,918	59	305,533	...	...
River Steamers	2,083	1,780,551	2,033	1,754,960	...	...	50	25,591
Sailing Vessels	58	75,833	78	97,104	20	21,271	...	...
Total,.....	5,444	6,720,769	5,473	7,021,982	79	326,804	50	25,591.
Nett,.....					29	301,213	...	...
Imported tons,.....		3,181,605		3,604,322				

As follows —

Articles.	1899.	1900.	Increase.	Decrease.
Beans,	8,110	560	...	7,550
Bones,	1,800	...	...	1,800
Coal,	687,557	1,045,312	358,255	...
Cotton Yarn and Cotton,.....	34,470	19,993	...	14,477
Flour,	101,939	154,111	52,172	...
Hemp,	32,868	54,105	21,237	...
Kerosine, (bulk).	61,027	64,732	3,705	...
"(case),	80,588	69,979	...	10,609
Liquid Fuel, .....	...	2,759	2,759	...
Lead,	6,468	2,350	...	4,118
Opium,	2,775	3,194	419	...
Pitch, .....	...	...	...	...
Rattan,	3,998	10,204	6,206	...
Rice,	771,830	673,029	...	98,801
Sandalwood,	1,282	3,811	2,529	...
Sulphur,.....	506	22	...	484
Sugar,	183,162	238,863	55,701	...
Tea,	6,287	6,393	106	...
Timber,	61,110	82,311	21,201	...
General,.....	1,135,828	1,172,024	26,266	...
Total,.....	3,181,605	3,604,322	560,556	137,839
Transit,	1,957,703	2,143,749	186,046	...
Grand Total,.....	5,139,308	5,748,071	746,602	137,839
Nett,.....			608,763	...

EXPORTS.

	1899.		1900.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Steamers,	3,319	4,861,012	3,363	5,154,215	44	293,203	...	...
River Steamers,.....	2,085	1,781,264	2,030	1,753,464	...	...	55	27,800
Sailing Vessels,.....	57	74,102	74	92,506	17	18,404	...	...
Total,.....	5,461	6,716,378	5,467	7,000,185	61	311,607	55	27,800
			Nett,.....	6	283,807	...	...
Exported tons,.....		2,003,896		1,933,230		...	...
	Strs.	Bunker Coal.	Strs.	Bunker Coal.	Strs.	Bunker Coal.	Strs.	Bunker Coal.
Steamers,	3,319	467,664	3,363	463,607	44	...	...	4,057
River Steamers,.....	2,085	26,207	2,030	25,849	...	...	55	358
Total,.....	5,404	493,871	5,393	489,456	44	...	55	4,415
		Nett,.....		...	...		11	4,415

RIVER TRADE.

Imports, Exports and Passengers.

Year.	Imports.	Exports.	Passengers.
1899,	184,177	131,362	1,095,266
1900,	197,606	124,343	1,253,378

IMPORTS.

Junks.

Foreign trade,	17,732	measuring	1,604,632	tons.
Local trade,	18,018	"	602,148	"
Total,	35,750	"	2,206,780	"

Imported 758,082 tons as under:—

Tea,	2,597	tons.
Oil,.....	884	"
Rice,	1,539	"
Swine (22,727),	1,345	"
Earth and Stones,.....	128,868	"
General,.....	622,849	"
Total,.....	758,082	"

EXPORTS.

Junks.

Foreign Trade,	17,693	measuring	1,620,224	tons.
Local Trade,	18,073	"	595,963	"
Total,	35,766	"	2,216,187	"

Exported 934,029 tons as under:—

Kerosine (1,313,452 cases),.....	46,909	tons.
Rice and Paddy,	395,824	,,
Earth and Stones,.....	57,464	,,
General,.....	433,832	,,
 Total,.....	934,029	,,

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PASSENGERS.

	1899.	1900.	Increase.	Decrease.
British Vessels, Arrivals,	139,621	155,889	16,268	...
Do., Departures,	105,701	106,360	659	...
Do., Emigrants,.....	44,358	53,385	9,027	...
Total,.....	289,680	315,634	25,954	...
		Nett,.....	25,954	...
Foreign Vessels, Arrivals,	77,214	95,646	18,432	...
Do., Departures, ...	57,517	58,738	1,221	...
Do., Emigrants,	16,717	30,258	13,541	...
Total,.....	151,448	184,642	33,194	...
		Nett,.....	33,194	...
River Steamers, Arrivals,	558,028	639,589	81,561	...
Do., Departures, ...	537,238	613,789	76,551	...
Total,.....	1,095,266	1,253,378	158,112	...
		Nett,.....	158,112	...
Junks, Foreign Trade, Arrivals,	83,239	56,072	...	27,167
Do., Departures,	80,859	57,023	...	23,836
Total,.....	164,098	113,095	...	51,003
		Nett,.....	51,003	
Total Arrivals,.....	858,102	947,196	89,094	...
Do. Departures,.....	781,315	835,910	54,595	...
Total,.....	1,639,417	1,783,106	143,689	...
Total Emigrants,	61,075	83,643	22,568	...
Total,.....	1,700,492	1,866,749	166,257	...
		Nett,.....	...	...

PASSENGERS,—*Continued.*

	1899.	1900.	Increase.	Decrease.
Diff. of Arrivals and Dep.,	76,787	111,286	...	...
Emigrants,	61,075	83,643	...	...
Remainder + or —	+ 15,712	+ 27,643	...	...
		Nett,.....	...	...
Junks, Local Trade, Arrivals, ...	42,973	80,958	37,985	...
Do., Departures,	42,117	83,372	41,255	...
Total,.....	85,090	164,330	79,240	...
		Nett,.....	79,240	...

REVENUE.

11. The total Revenue collected by the Harbour Department during the year was \$246,039.12 being an increase of \$55,483.62 on the previous year.

1. Light Dues,	\$ 55,379.38
2. Licences and Internal Revenue,	47,419.30
3. Fees of Court and Office,	143,240.44
Total,.....	\$246,039.12

STEAM LAUNCHES.

12. On the 31st December, there were 179 Steam Launches employed in the Harbour; of these 95 were licensed for the conveyance of passengers, 84 were privately owned, 15 were the property of the Colonial Government, and 6 belonged to the Imperial Government, in charge of the Military Authorities.

Three Masters' Certificates were suspended for three months, five for two months, five for one month, and three masters were cautioned. One Engineer's Certificate was suspended for three months.

EMIGRATION.

13. Eighty-three thousand six hundred and forty-three (83,643) Emigrants left Hongkong for various places during the year; of these 53,385 were carried by British ships and 30,258 by Foreign ships; 121,322 were reported as having been brought to Hongkong from places to which they had emigrated, and of these, 92,870 were brought in British ships and 28,452 by Foreign ships.

Returns Nos. XVIII and XIX will give the details of this branch of the Department.

REGISTRY OF SHIPPING.

14. During the year, 6 ships were registered under the provisions of the Imperial Act, and 9 certificates were cancelled.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

15. Forty-two cases were heard in the Marine Magistrate's Court, refusal of duty and absence from ship without leave were the principal offences.

EXAMINATION OF MASTERS, MATES AND ENGINEERS.

(Under Section 15 of Ordinance No. 26 of 1891.)

16. The following table will show the number of Candidates examined for Certificates of Competency, distinguishing those who were successful and those who failed :—

Grade.	Passed.	Failed.
Master,	19	1
First Mate,	23	1
Only Mate, .....	...	...
Second Mate,	3	1
Total,.....	45	3
First Class Engineer,	27	5
Second Class Engineer,.....	45	24
Total,.....	72	29

MARINE COURTS.

(Under Section 13 of Ordinance No. 26 of 1891.)

17. The following Court has been held during the year :—

On the 22nd November, inquiry respecting the circumstances connected with the foundering of the British Steam Dredger *Canton River*, Official No. 102,002 of Waterford, in the Hongkong Harbour on the morning of the 10th November, 1900. Nobody was blamed for the casualty.

SUNDAY CARGO-WORKING.

(Ordinance No. 6 of 1891.)

18. During the year, 419 permits were issued, under the provisions of the Ordinance. Of these 88 were not availed of owing to its being found unnecessary for the ship to work cargo on the Sunday, and the fee paid for the permit was refunded in each case, and 55 permits were issued, free of charge, to Mail Steamers.

The revenue collected under this heading was \$43,550 ; this was \$21,725 more than in 1899.

The Revenue collected each year since the Ordinance came into force is as follows :—

1892,	\$ 4,800
1893,	7,900
1894,	13,375
1895,	11,600
1896,	7,575
1897,	11,850
1898,	25,925
1899,	21,825
1900,	43,550

SEAMEN.

19. Eighteen thousand five hundred and twenty-three (18,523) Seamen were shipped, and 22,089 discharged, at the Mercantile Marine Office and on board ships during the year.

Two hundred and thirty-two (232) "Distressed Seamen" were received during the year. Of these, 51 were sent to the United Kingdom, 2 to Singapore, 1 to Colombo, 14 to Calcutta, 1 to Mel-

bourne, 12 to Sydney, 3 to Taku, 7 obtained employment on shore, 4 went to Manila, 2 to Calcutta, 1 to Bombay, 1 to Shanghai, 1 to Canton, 2 joined Chinese Customs, 1 taken charge of by Naval authorities, 2 disappeared, 3 died, 3 remained at the Government Civil Hospital, 2 at Sailors' Home, and 119 obtained employment.

Four thousand one hundred and ninety-eight Dollars and Seventy-five Cents (\$4,198.75) were expended by the Harbour Master on behalf of the Board of Trade in the relief of these distressed Seamen, and \$213.04 by the Colony.

MARINE SURVEYOR'S SUB-DEPARTMENT.

20. Return No. XXIII shows the work performed during the year by this branch of the Harbour Department, and in forwarding this, I wish once more to draw attention to the undermanning of this sub-department. In December, 1900, the engagement of a temporary Second Assistant Government Marine Surveyor was sanctioned, and this officer is still employed as such, rendering most valuable assistance, thereby enabling the work to be promptly done and avoiding the detention of shipping. The tonnage of vessels surveyed during the year 1900 was 327,286, an increase of 40,512 over 1899.

During the same period, the number of licensed passenger steam launches surveyed has increased from 134 in 1899 to 187 in 1900; while the number of boilers built under the superintendence of the Government Marine Surveyor has increased from 62 to 73. This being so, I consider it essential that the temporary appointment above mentioned be made permanent.

I may perhaps be permitted to quote the following significant figures, in continuance of Captain RUMSEY's report for 1899, in which he compares the work done in Liverpool, and in this port, by the Surveyor's Department.

In Liverpool in the year 1898, vessels aggregating 1,105,000 gross tons, were surveyed by a staff of eleven, while in Hongkong during the same period 324,610 gross tons were surveyed by a staff of two, this giving 100,454 tons per surveyor at the former port to 162,305 tons per surveyor at the latter.

The returns for six months during 1900, show that in Hongkong the steamers surveyed aggregated 181,485 gross tons, while in Liverpool 550,000 tons were surveyed during the same period, giving in Hongkong over 90,000 tons per surveyor as against some 50,000 odd tons in Liverpool.

The revenue derived, from the work of this Sub-department, by the Colony, has increased from \$10,055.87 in 1890 to \$15,036.59 in 1900.

This revenue does not show the actual work performed, as all Government work such as survey and reports on Pumping Stations, Disinfectors, Steam Road Roller, Stone Crusher, Dredger, Pontoon Crane and Government Launches do not appear. In one Government Department alone, viz., the Water Police, launches have increased from 3 to 7. These launches are surveyed twice a year and take up a considerable amount of time and attention of this Sub-department.

LIGHTHOUSES.

21. The amount of Light Dues collected was as follows:—

Class of Vessels.	Rate per ton.	No. of Ships.	Tonnage.	Total Fees Collected.
Ocean Vessels,	1 cent	3,442	5,264,934	\$2,649.34
Steam Launches,	1 "	149	5,802	58.02
River Steamers (night boats),...	½ "	1,028	788,756	2,629.48
Launches plying exclusively to Macao and West River, by night,.....	½ "	250	12,712	12.54
River Steamers (day boats),	Free	1,005	966,204	...
Launches plying exclusively to Macao and West River, by day,	Free	483	23,457	...
Total,.....		5,357	7,061,865	\$5,379.38

Telegraphic and telephonic communication has been kept up with the Gap Rock and Cape D'Aguilar during the year. From the former station 957 vessels have been reported as passing, and in addition 200 messages were received and 3,512 sent, including the daily weather report for the Observatory.

From Cape D'Aguilar, 1,499 vessels were reported, and in addition 1,826 messages were sent and 11 received.

Sixty-five hours and 50 minutes of fog were reported from Gap Rock during the year, and the fog signal gun was fired 410 times. On three occasions the fortnightly relief could not be effected owing to the rough sea.

On December 25th, a telephone cable was successfully laid to Waglan Island in readiness for use when this lighthouse is taken over.

GOVERNMENT GUNPOWDER DEPÔT.

22. During the year 1900 there has been stored in the Government Gunpowder Depôt, Stone Cutters' Island:—

	No. of Cases.	Approximate Weight.
		lbs.
Gunpowder, privately owned,	21,139	445,815
Do., Government owned,.....	314	42,560
Cartridges, privately owned,.....	5,645	1,283,827
Do., Government owned,	58	16,740
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,.....	491	26,177
Do., Government owned, ...	.....	.....
Total,.....	27,647	1,815,119

During the same period there has been delivered out of the Depôt:—

	No. of Cases.	Approximate Weight.
		lbs.
For Sale in the Colony :—		
Gunpowder, privately owned,	11,649	249,570
Cartridges, do.,	1,262	367,034
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,.....	97	6,588
For Export:—		
Gunpowder, privately owned,	601	12,025
Cartridges, do.,	1,561	412,909
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,.....	22	1,589
Total,.....	15,192	1,049,715

On the 31st December, 1900, there remained as follows:—

	No. of Cases.	Approximate Weight.
		lbs.
Gunpowder, privately owned,	8,889	184,220
Do., Government owned,	312	42,240
Cartridges, privately owned,.....	2,822	403,884
Do., Government owned,	53	15,620
Explosive Compounds, privately owned,.....	372	18,000
Do., Government owned, ...	.....	.....
Total,.....	12,448	663,964

GENERAL.

23. The present Harbour Office, originally placed in a most unsuitable position (the view of the Harbour to the westward of North-West being cut off by buildings), will shortly be entirely built in.

It is therefore to be hoped that work will shortly be commenced on this much needed new building, and pushed forward rapidly, otherwise the efficiency of this Department will be seriously impaired, by the impossibility of seeing any part of the Harbour from the Office.

The staff of the Department is still of the same strength as it was 26 years ago (if I except the temporary addition of a third Marine Surveyor). During this time the nett register tonnage passing through their hands has approximately doubled. There is, however, every prospect of the clerical staff being increased by one in the near future, which will be of great assistance in coping with the ever increasing work.

During the year one new Harbour Station has been opened at Tai Po, in the New Territory.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (OPIUM) OFFICE.

24. The Return shows that during the year the amount of Opium reported was as follows :—

	1899. chests.	1900. chests.	Increase. chests.	Decrease. chests.
Imported	41,690	43,256½	1,566½	...
Exported	40,524	38,721½		1,802½
Through Cargo reported but not landed	17,346	17,557½	211½	

Fourteen thousand six hundred and forty-four permits were issued from this Office during the year, being a decrease of 656 as compared with 1899.

A daily memo. of exports to Chinese ports was during the year supplied to the Commissioner of Imperial Maritime Customs, and a daily memo. of exports to Macao was supplied to the Superintendent of Raw Opium Department of Macao.

Surprise visits were paid to 81 godowns during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

BASIL TAYLOR,
Acting Harbour Master, &c.

The Honourable J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G.,

Colonial Secretary,

&c.,

&c.,

&c.

— Number, Tonnage, Crews, and Cargoes of Vessels Entered at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong from such Country for the Year ending 31st December, 1910.

Statement of Vessels Created in the Colony of Honkone for each Country for the Year ending 31st December, 1806.

TWO HUNDRED TONNAGE CREWS AND CARGOES OF VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG, IN THE YEAR 1900.

V.—NUMBER, TONNAGE and CREWS of Vessels of each Nation ENTERED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong
in the Year 1900.

NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.	ENTERED.								
	WITH CARGOES.			IN BALLAST.			TOTAL.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.
American,	68	110,357	4,647	12	15,905	605	80	126,262	5,252
Austrian,	40	101,723	2,372	1	1,004	20	41	102,727	2,392
Belgian,	4	5,963	123	...	...	...	4	5,963	123
British,	3,586	4,368,532	180,360	178	220,078	9,202	3,764	4,588,610	189,562
Chinese,	147	109,894	6,712	20	26,871	1,066	164	136,765	7,778
Chinese Junks,	11,829	1,041,366	138,955	5,903	563,266	64,105	17,732	1,604,632	203,060
Danish,	9	14,981	315	1	3,703	60	10	18,684	375
Dutch,	13	22,846	589	...	...	...	13	22,846	589
French,	234	228,501	17,415	1	1,790	60	235	230,291	17,475
German,	590	893,180	30,246	69	65,993	2,361	659	959,173	32,607
Italian,	14	20,502	991	...	...	...	14	20,502	991
Japanese,	305	639,919	25,999	10	9,684	506	315	649,603	26,505
Norwegian,	78	94,629	2,031	33	28,745	870	111	123,374	2,901
Portuguese, .....	...	...	...	38	5,856	707	38	5,856	707
Russian,	10	24,070	547	2	729	72	12	24,799	619
Swedish,	5	4,945	169	1	989	33	6	5,934	202
No Flag,	3	411	30	1	182	5	4	593	35
TOTAL,.....	16,935	7,681,819	411,501	6,270	944,795	79,672	23,205	8,626,614	491,173

VI.—NUMBER, TONNAGE and CREWS of Vessels of each Nation CLEARED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong
in the Year 1900.

NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.	CLEARED.								
	WITH CARGOES.			IN BALLAST.			TOTAL.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.
American,	64	99,988	4,295	20	28,846	560	84	128,834	4,855
Austrian,	39	100,134	2,560	2	2,593	44	41	102,727	2,604
Belgian,	4	5,963	158	...	...	...	4	5,963	158
British,	3,495	4,169,738	179,386	252	396,850	10,889	3,747	4,566,588	190,275
Chinese,	157	126,561	7,266	11	11,946	576	168	138,507	7,842
Chinese Junks,	12,494	1,309,208	162,885	5,199	311,016	39,948	17,693	1,620,224	202,833
Danish,	8	17,868	303	1	458	24	9	18,326	327
Dutch,	8	15,281	392	5	7,565	203	13	22,846	595
French,	234	228,861	16,606	2	2,169	51	236	231,030	16,657
German,	554	842,755	27,608	106	115,816	3,599	660	958,571	31,207
Italian,	12	17,988	1,000	1	1,794	61	13	19,782	1,061
Japanese,	256	534,314	23,398	63	114,713	3,355	319	649,027	26,753
Norwegian,	75	72,467	1,865	34	47,714	906	109	120,181	2,771
Portuguese,	36	1,872	501	2	3,984	180	38	5,856	681
Russian,	11	24,611	623	1	188	28	12	24,799	651
Swedish,	3	2,967	79	3	2,967	100	6	5,934	179
No Flag,	8	1,214	116	...	...	...	8	1,214	116
TOTAL,.....	17,458	7,571,790	429,041	5,702	1,048,619	60,524	23,160	8,620,409	489,565

VII.—*Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks ENTERED at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong, (exclusive of Local Trade), during the Year ending 31st December, 1900.*

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged, Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged, Tons.
Aberdeen,.....	220	5,907	1,219	170	2,912	17	306	80	...	237	6,213	1,299	170	2,912
Cheung Cháu,.....	114	3,199	721	18	2,303	111	1,998	702	202	225	5,197	1,423	220	2,303
Hunghom,.....	593	14,409	2,90	...	8,694	281	12,524	1,822	5	874	26,933	4,742	5	8,694
Sham Shui-po,.....	2,301	247,320	22,878	16	196,868	1,863	169,661	18,547	97	4,164	416,981	41,425	113	196,868
Shaukiwán, ...	392	6,762	1,947	64	3,813	607	31,203	4,718	...	399	37,965	6,665	64	3,813
Stanley,.....	33	268	128	50	191	15	284	112	...	48	552	240	50	191
Tai O,	166	3,686	1,078	439	1,838	34	772	296	187	200	4,458	1,374	626	1,838
Victoria,	8,010	759,815	108,064	43,815	377,448	2,975	346,518	37,828	11,009	10,985	1,106,333	145,892	54,824	377,448
Total,...	11,829	1,041,366	138,955	44,572	594,067	5,903	563,266	64,105	11,500	17,732	1,604,632	203,060	56,072	594,067

VIII.—*Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks CLEARED at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong, (exclusice of Local Trade), during the Year ending 31st December, 1900.*

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped, Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Shipped, Tons.
Aberdeen,.....	55	1,398	318	52	662	164	1,560	642	...	219	2,958	960	52	662
Cheung Cháu,.....	116	3,342	767	146	2,387	97	1,529	591	83	213	4,871	1,358	229	2,387
Hunghom,.....	380	16,200	2,445	...	9,201	523	12,864	2,292	...	903	29,064	4,737	..	9,201
Sham Shui-po,.....	2,393	230,988	24,917	5	183,028	1,761	185,274	15,770	147	4,154	416,262	40,687	152	183,028
Shaukiwán, ...	619	31,301	4,715	50	25,188	391	5,706	2,004	14	1,010	37,007	6,719	64	25,188
Stanley,.....	24	583	145	50	183	32	397	168	...	56	980	313	50	183
Tai O,	83	1,887	552	283	718	117	2,558	827	312	200	4,445	1,379	595	718
Victoria,	8,824	1,023,509	129,026	54,917	682,308	2,114	101,128	17,654	964	10,938	1,124,637	146,680	55,881	682,308
Total,...	12,494	1,309,208	162,885	55,503	903,675	5,199	311,016	89,948	1,520	17,693	1,620,224	202,833	57,023	903,675

IX.—*Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks ENTERED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong, from Ports on the Coast of China, and Macao, during the Year ending 31st December, 1900.*

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged, Tons.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Ves-sels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-gers.	Cargo Discharged, Tons.
East Coast,....	2,720	195,013	20,594	351	168,914	649	28,585	4,386	111	3,369	223,598	24,980	462	168,914
San On Dis-trict, West River, &c.,	8,223	763,952	105,188	44,029	384,886	4,018	466,138	49,088	10,023	12,241	1,230,093	154,276	55,052	384,886
West Coast, ...	336	20,472	3,076	107	10,581	865	40,980	6,793	361	1,201	61,452	9,869	468	10,581
Macao,	550	61,926	10,097	85	29,686	371	27,563	3,838	5	921	89,489	13,935	90	29,686
Total,...	11,829	1,041,366	138,955	44,572	594,067	5,903	563,266	64,105	11,500	17,732	1,604,632	203,060	56,072	594,067

X.—*Total Number, Tonnage, Crews, Passengers and Cargo of Junks CLEARED at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong, for Ports on the Coast of China, and Macao, during the Year ending 31st December, 1900.*

	Cargo.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-	Cargo Shipped. Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-	Cargo Shipped. Tons.
East Coast,.....	1,383	78,556	11,220	191	51,170	2,006	164,217	14,222	85	3,389	242,773	25,542	276	51,170
San On Dis- trict, West River, &c., }	9,645	1,111,162	133,342	55,067	766,010	2,763	124,601	21,792	1,279	12,408	1,225,763	155,134	56,346	766,910
West Coast, ...	804	49,089	6,934	159	35,322	262	11,006	1,999	143	1,066	60,095	8,933	302	35,322
Macao,	662	70,401	11,389	86	51,173	178	11,192	1,835	13	830	81,593	13,224	99	51,173
Total,...	12,494	1,309,208	162,885	55,503	903,675	5,199	311,016	39,948	1,520	17,693	1,620,224	202,833	57,023	903,675

XI.—*Return of Junks (Local Trade) ENTERED at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong, during the Year ending 31st December, 1900.*

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews	Passen-	Cargo Discharged. Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-	Cargo Discharged. Tons.
Aberdeen,.....	141	7,258	1,204	3	4,692	29	580	186	...	170	7,838	1,390	3	4,692
Cheung Cháu,	18	687	162	1	547	14	538	142	65	32	1,225	304	66	547
Hunghóm,.....	478	7,302	1,740	...	3,093	118	1,551	579	...	596	7,853	2,319	...	3,093
Sham Shui-po,	39	796	182	...	453	37	902	225	...	76	1,698	407	...	453
Shaukiwán, ...	64	347	296	...	291	11	63	39	...	75	410	335	...	291
Stanley,.....	11	381	77	...	124	9	99	39	...	20	480	116	...	124
Tai O,	31	356	150	33	240	3	52	18	3	34	408	168	36	240
Tai Po,	25	216	97	...	109	19	186	77	...	44	402	174	...	109
Victoria,	6,388	238,627	72,920	18,109	154,466	10,583	343,207	68,692	62,744	16,971	581,834	141,612	80,853	154,466
Total,...	7,195	254,970	76,828	18,146	164,015	10,823	347,178	69,997	62,812	18,018	602,148	146,825	80,958	164,015

XII.—*Return of Junks (Local Trade) CLEARED at each Port in the Colony of Hongkong, during the Year ending 31st December, 1900.*

	CARGO.					BALLAST.				TOTAL.				
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-	Cargo shipped. Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Passen-	Cargo shipped. Tons.
Aberdeen,.....	59	2,186	473	...	962	129	8,906	1,280	...	188	11,092	1,753	...	962
Cheung Cháu,	12	542	101	2	299	32	1,062	268	49	44	1,504	369	51	299
Hunghóm,.....	141	1,313	576	...	804	426	4,412	1,596	...	567	5,725	2,172	...	804
Sham Shui-po,	46	1,787	273	...	603	40	629	228	...	86	2,416	501	...	603
Shaukiwán, ...	12	71	51	...	44	58	368	278	...	70	439	329	...	44
Stanley,.....	9	74	35	...	42	4	37	18	...	13	111	53	...	42
Tai O,	12	157	61	16	83	22	263	102	115	34	420	163	131	83
Tai Po,	34	333	142	...	268	10	69	32	...	44	402	174	...	268
Victoria,	4,882	146,933	43,440	81,583	27,249	12,145	406,921	96,951	1,603	17,027	573,854	140,391	83,190	27,249
Total,...	5,207	173,296	45,152	81,601	30,354	12,866	422,667	100,753	1,771	18,073	595,963	145,905	83,372	30,354

XIII.—SUMMARY.

FOREIGN TRADE.	NO. OF VESSELS.	TONS.	CREWS.
British ships <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	3,586	4,368,532	180,360
Do. " do. in Ballast,	178	220,078	9,202
Total,.....	3,764	4,588,610	189,562
British ships <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	3,495	4,169,738	179,386
Do. " do. in Ballast,	252	396,850	10,889
Total,.....	3,747	4,566,588	190,275
Total British ships <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	7,511	9,155,198	379,837
Foreign ships <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	1,520	2,271,921	92,186
Do. " do. in Ballast,	189	161,451	6,365
Total,.....	1,709	2,433,372	98,551
Foreign ships <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	1,469	2,092,844	86,770
Do. " do. in Ballast,	251	340,753	9,687
Total,.....	1,720	2,433,597	96,457
Total Foreign ships <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	3,429	4,866,969	195,008
Junks <i>entered</i> with Cargoes,	11,829	1,041,366	138,955
Do. " do. in Ballast,	5,903	563,266	64,105
Total,.....	17,732	1,604,632	203,060
Junks <i>cleared</i> with Cargoes,	12,494	1,309,208	162,895
Do. " do. in Ballast,	5,199	311,016	39,948
Total,.....	17,693	1,620,224	202,833
Total Junks <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	35,425	3,224,856	405,893
Total of all Vessels <i>entered</i> ,	23,205	8,626,614	491,173
Total of all Vessels <i>cleared</i> ,	23,160	8,620,409	489,565
Total of all Vessels in <i>Foreign Trade</i> , <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	46,365	17,247,023	980,738
LOCAL TRADE.			
Total Junks <i>entered</i> ,	18,018	602,148	146,825
Do. " <i>cleared</i> ,	18,073	595,963	145,905
Total of all Vessels in <i>Local Trade</i> , <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	36,091	1,198,111	292,730
Total of all Vessels in <i>Foreign Trade</i> , <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	46,365	17,247,023	980,738
Do. " all do. <i>Local Trade</i> , <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	36,091	1,198,111	292,730
Grand Total of all Vessels <i>entered</i> and <i>cleared</i> ,	82,456	18,445,134	1,273,468

APPENDIX V.—RETURN of LICENSED TEAM-LAUNCHES ENTERED in the Colony of HONGKONG during the Year ending 31st December, 1900.

XV.—RETURN of LICENSED STEAM-LAUNCHES CLEARED in the Colony of HONGKONG during the Year ending 31st December, 1900.

PLACES.	TOWING.						NOT TOWING.						TOTAL.		
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen-	Cargo	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen-	Cargo	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crews.	Passen-	Cargo
				gers.	Shipped				gers.	Shipped			gers.	Shipped	in tons.
Within the Waters of the Colony,															
28,606	730,754	237,696	...	...	89,700	3,009,883	810,897	3,633,406	...	118,306	3,740,637	1,048,593	3,633,406	...	...
Total,	28,606	730,754	237,696	...	89,700	3,009,883	810,897	3,633,406	...	118,306	3,740,637	1,048,593	3,633,406	...	...
Within the Local Trade Limits,															
... . . . .	...	...	...	...	8,392	258,995	64,356	327,598	...	8,392	258,995	64,356	327,598	...	...
Total, . . . . .	...	...	...	...	8,392	258,995	64,356	327,598	...	8,392	258,995	64,356	327,598	...	...
Outside the Local Trade Limits,—															
San Shui, . . . . .	...	...	...	...	483	26,357	9,464	18,333	7,126	483	26,357	9,464	18,333	7,126	7,126
Kong Mun,	66	1,838	588	...	6	320	84	10	281	72	2,158	672	10	281	281
Kam Chuk, . . . . .	...	...	...	...	90	3,820	1,710	1,959	849	90	3,820	1,710	1,959	849	849
Wu Chow,	31	1,083	291	...	57	2,751	594	1,004	269	88	3,834	885	894	269	269
Total,	97	2,921	879	...	636	33,248	11,852	21,366	8,525	733	36,169	12,731	21,296	8,525	8,525
Grand Total,	28,703	738,675	238,575	...	98,728	3,302,126	887,105	4,172,310	8,525	127,431	4,035,801	1,125,680	3,982,300	8,525	8,525

XVI.—RETURN of VESSELS REGISTERED at the Port of Hongkong, during the Year 1900.

Name of Vessel.	Official Number.	Regis- tered Tonnage.	Horse Power.	Rig.	Built of	Where built and when.	Remarks.
Perla, (str.),	77,120	1,287	240	Schooner	Iron	Sunderland Durham, 1878.	Formerly "Menmuir."
Luisa, (str.),	109,854	23	20	None	Wood	Sam Shui Po H'kong, 1899.	
Fuk Wo, (str.),	72,750	764	52	Schooner	Iron	Shanghai, 1879.	Since registered anew at [Shanghai].
Wo Foo, (str.),	109,855	258	33	Schooner	Wood	Hongkong, 1899.	
Nanning, (str.),	109,856	348	60	None	Steel	Hongkong, 1900.	
Telemachus, (str.),.....	81,368	1,340	250	Schooner	Iron	Newcastle, 1880.	

XVII.—RETURN of REGISTRIES of VESSELS Cancelled at the Port of Hongkong, during the Year 1900.

Name of Vessel.	Official Number.	Regis- tered Tonnage.	Date of Registry.	Horse Power.	Rig.	Built of	Where built and when.	Reason of Cancellation.
Sebastian Bach, ...	95,857	823	1891	...	Barque	Wood	Bremenhaven, 1868.	Sold to Foreigners.
Propontis, (str.),...	50,485	1,390	1893	250	Schooner	Iron	Govan, 1864.	Broken up.
Kwong Hoi, (str.),	73,794	513	1894	400	None	Iron	Clyde, 1875.	Sold to Foreigners.
Caleb Curtis,.....	95,866	67	1894	...	Schooner	Wood	Boston, Massachus- [ets U.S.A., 1859.	Lost.
Germana, (str.), ...	95,875	86	1897	28	Schooner	Wood	Hongkong, 1897.	Sold to Foreigners.
Hoi Tong, (str.),...	107,019	410	1897	62	None	Wood	Hongkong, 1897.	Sold to Foreigners.
Kwai Lum, (str.),	107,023	78	1898	24	Schooner	Wood	Hongkong, 1897.	Sold to Foreigners.
Wuchow, (str.), ...	109,853	156	1899	80	None	Steel	Shanghai, 1899.	Sold to Foreigners.
Fuh Wo, (str.), ...	72,750	764	1900	52	Schooner	Iron	Shanghai, 1879.	Registered anew at S'hai.

XVIII.—SUMMARY of CHINESE EMIGRATION from HONGKONG to Ports other than in China, during the Year ending 31st December, 1900.

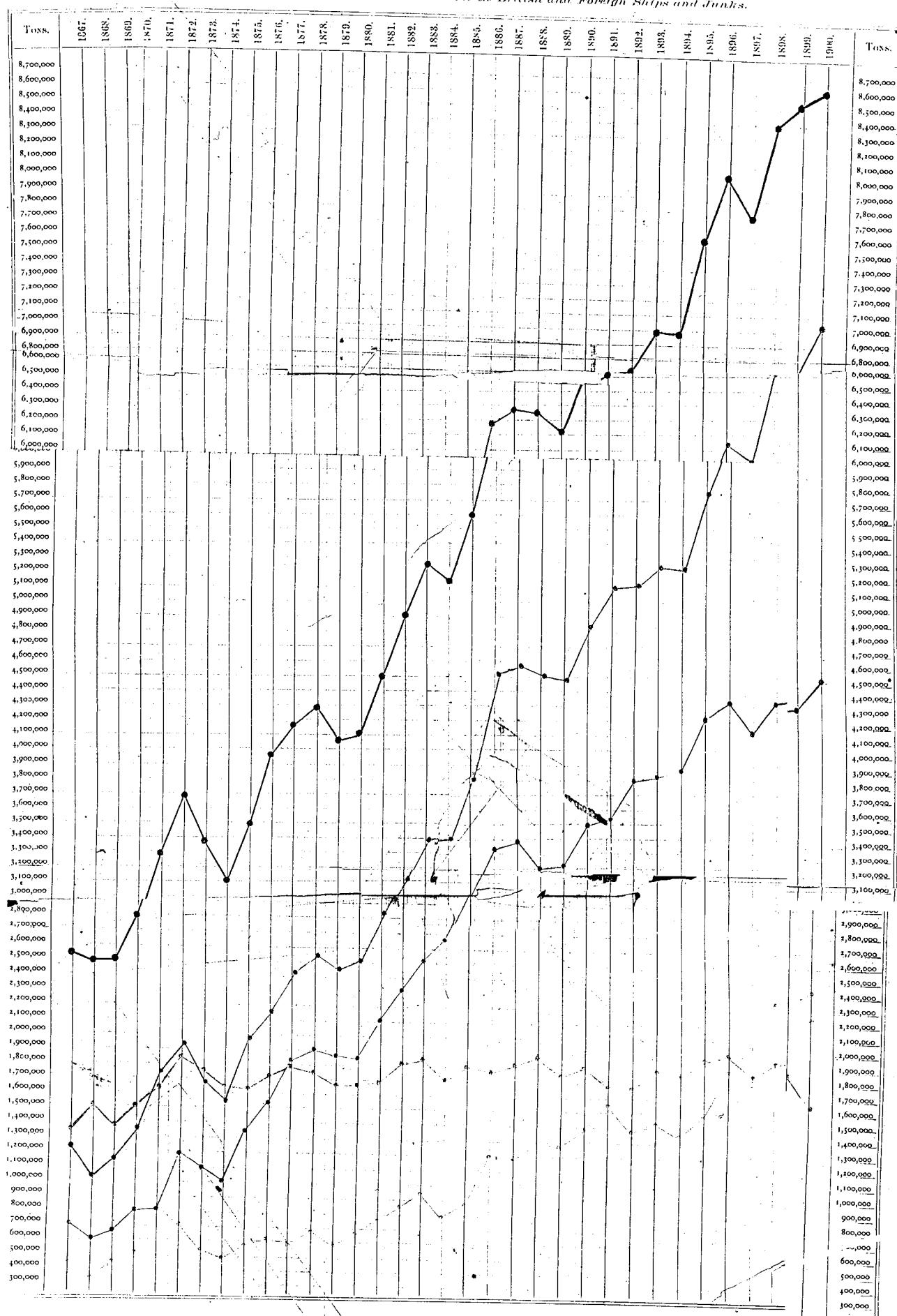
WHITHER BOUND.	BRITISH VESSELS.				FOREIGN VESSELS.				GRAND TOTAL.			
	Adults.		Children.		Total.		Adults.		Children.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
To Bombay, .....	...	...	...	...	64	...	...	...	64	...	...	64
" Honolulu,.....	440	9	8	3	460	655	10	13	6	684	1,095	19
" Japan Ports,	152	2	1	...	155	143	5	5	...	156	298	7
" Mauritius, .....	...	...	...	...	613	5	4	...	622	613	5	4
" Portland, Oregon,	227	...	...	...	227	...	...	...	...	227	...	...
" San Francisco, U.S.A.,.....	2,972	12	57	4	3,045	4,104	20	70	4	4,198	7,076	32
" Seattle, U.S.A., .....	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	19	19	...	19
" Straits Settlements,.....	38,824	5,033	1,047	430	45,334	20,687	2,485	499	208	23,879	59,511	7,518
" Tacoma, U.S.A.,	115	...	...	...	115	190	...	...	190	305	...	305
" Vancouver, British Columbia,	3,030	...	2	...	3,032	46	...	...	46	3,076	...	2
" Victoria, British Columbia,	1,016	...	1	...	1,017	400	...	...	40	1,416	...	1
TOTAL PASSENGERS,	46,776	5,056	1,116	437	53,385	26,924	2,525	591	218	30,258	73,700	7,581
Total Passengers by British Vessels,	46,776	5,056	1,116	437	53,385	26,924	2,525	591	218	30,258	73,700	7,581
Total Passengers by Foreign Vessels,											218	30,258
Excess of Passengers by British Vessels,	19,852	2,531	525	219	23,127						219	23,127

XIX.—SUMMARY of CHINESE IMMIGRATION to HONGKONG from Ports other than China,
during the Year ending 31st December, 1900.

WHERE FROM.	BRITISH VESSELS.					FOREIGN VESSELS.					GRAND TOTAL.				
	Adults.		Children.		Total.	Adults.		Children.		Total.	Adults.		Children.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
From Bangkok, Siam,.....	1,495	...	...	...	1,495	2,057	...	...	...	2,057	3,552	...	...	...	3,552
" Honolulu, Sandwich Islands,.....	252	...	...	...	252	182	...	...	...	182	434	...	...	...	434
" Japan Ports,.....	15	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	15
" Mauritius,.....	...	...	...	...	...	242	...	...	...	242	242	...	...	...	242
" Melbourne,.....	234	1	3	3	241	134	1	6	141	242	368	2	3	9	382
" New South Wales,.....	287	4	4	4	299	279	...	...	279	566	4	4	4	578	578
" New Zealand Ports,.....	48	...	...	...	48	19	...	...	19	67	...	...	...	67	67
" Portland, Oregon,.....	33	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	33
" Queensland Ports,.....	428	...	2	...	430	238	1	...	239	666	1	2	...	669	669
" San Francisco, U.S.A.,.....	3,578	97	73	71	3,819	3,678	86	79	14	3,857	7,256	183	152	85	7,676
" Seattle, U.S.A.,.....	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	40	40	...	...	...	...	40
" South Australian Ports,.....	110	...	...	...	110	4	...	...	4	114	...	...	...	...	114
" Straits Settlements,.....	78,547	2,980	1,033	519	83,079	18,922	970	280	117	20,289	97,469	3,950	1,313	636	103,368
" Sumatra,.....	...	...	...	...	...	617	...	...	617	617	...	...	...	...	617
" Tacoma, U.S.A.,.....	159	...	...	...	159	441	...	...	441	600	...	...	...	...	600
" Tasmania,.....	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5
" Vancouver, British Columbia,.....	2,635	4	8	1	2,648	...	...	...	...	2,635	4	8	1	1	2,648
" Victoria, British Columbia,.....	237	...	...	...	237	45	...	...	45	282	...	...	...	...	282
TOTAL PASSENGERS,.....	88,063	3,086	1,123	598	92,870	26,898	1,058	359	137	28,452	114,961	4,144	1,482	735	121,322
Total Passengers by British Vessels,.....	88,063	3,086	1,123	598	92,870										
Total Passengers by Foreign Vessels,.....		26,898	1,058	359	137										28,452
Excess of Passengers by British Vessels,.....		61,165	2,028	764	461										64,418

XX.—RETURN of MARINE CASES tried at the MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT, during the Year 1900.

NATURE OF CHARGE.	No. of Cases.	No. of Defendants.	DEFENDANTS HOW DISPOSED OF.							Amount of Fines.
			Imprisoned with Hard Labour.	Fined.	Forfeiture of Pay.	Reprimanded.	Sent back to duty.	Dismissed.	...	
Absent from ship without leave,.....	7	9	5	..	3	..	..	1	..	..
Assault,.....	2	12	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Desertion,.....	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Disorderly Behaviour,.....	4	28	27	1	..	..	..	..	..	10
Drunkenness,.....	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Harbour Regulations,—Breach of (Junk),.....	3	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	270
Obstruction of Fairways,.....	2	16	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	48
Refusal of duty,.....	17	75	71	..	2	..	..	2	..	..
Rules of the Road,—Failed to observe (Steam-Launch),.....	4	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	20
Wilfully remaining behind,.....	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total,.....	42	144	106	27	7	..	..	4	\$ 348	..

*XVI.—DIAGRAM of Tonnage entered at Hongkong, from 1867 to 1900, inclusive.**RED LINE represents British Shipping Tonnage only.**BLUE LINE represents Foreign Shipping Tonnage only.**GREEN LINE represents British and Foreign Shipping Tonnage.**YELLOW LINE represents Junk Tonnage only, excluding Local Trade.**THICK BLACK LINE represents entire Trade in British and Foreign Ships and Junks.*

XXII.—STATEMENT of the REVENUE collected in the Harbour Department, during the Year, 1900.

Head of Receipt.	Amount.	Remarks.
	\$ cts.	
1. Light Dues, Ordinance 26 of 1891,.....	55,379.38	
2. Licences and Internal Revenue not otherwise specified :—		
Chinese Passenger Ship Licences, Ordinance 1 of 1889,	345.00	
Emigration Brokers' Licences, Ordinance 1 of 1889,	800.00	
Fines,	348.00	
Junk Licences, &c., Ordinance 26 of 1891, from the New Territory,	8,390.75	
Junk Licences, &c., Ordinance 26 of 1891,.....	36,069.05	
Steam-Launch Licences, &c., Ordinance 26 of 1891,.....	1,466.50	
3. Fees of Court or Office, Payments for specific purposes and Re-imbursements-in-Aid :—		
Cargo-boats Certificates, Ordinance 26 of 1891,.....	2,193.00	
Engagement and Discharge of Seamen, Ordinance 26 of 1891,.....	22,297.00	
Examination of Masters and Engineers of Launches, Ordinance 26 of 1891,..	485.00	
Examination of Masters, Mates and Engineers, Ordinance 26 of 1891,	2,495.00	
Gunpowder, Storage of, Ordinance 26 of 1891,	27,944.85	
Medical Examination of Emigrants, Ordinance 1 of 1889,	25,460.50	
Printed Forms, Sale of, Harbour Regulations, Tide Tables, &c.,.....	228.00	
Private Moorings and Buoys, Half-yearly Rent, Ordinance 26 of 1891,	3,030.00	
Registry Fees (Merchant Shipping Act), Ordinance 26 of 1891,.....	521.00	
Steam Launches, Surveyor's Certificates, Ordinance 26 of 1891,	2,675.00	
Survey of Steam-ships, &c., Ordinance 26 of 1891,	12,361.59	
Sunday Cargo Working Permits, Ordinance 6 of 1891,.....	43,550.00	
Total,.....	\$ 246,039.12	

XXIII.—Return of Work performed by the GOVERNMENT MARINE SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Years.	Passenger Certificate and Inspection of Bottom.	Emigration.	Tonnage for Registration.	*British Tonnage Certificate for Foreign Vessels.	Inspection of Crew space, Lights and Markings.	Minor Inspec- tion.	Survey of Licens- ed Passenger Steam-launches.	Survey of Boilers under Construction.	Inspection of Government Launches.	Examination of Engineers.	Examination of Chinese Engi- neers for Steam- launches.	Estimated Total Number of Visits in connection with fore- going inspection.
1890,	112	77	3	2						61	19	986
1891,	108	38	4	3						44	19	1,615
1892,	122	51	17	5						60	96	1,678
1893,	136	74	5	5						54	25	1,659
1894,	124	62	12	1						77	18	1,364
1895,	102	64	6	3						28	24	1,452
1896,	142	68	1	3						34	66	1,409
1897,	158	79	24	1						37	51	1,631
1898,	164	83	10	0						19	48	1,729
1899,	144	61	10	0						27	78	1,602
1900,	151	83	1	0						47	124	1,834

XXIV.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

IMPORTS.

	MALWA. <i>chests.</i>	PATNA. <i>chests</i>	BENARES. <i>chests.</i>	PERSIAN. <i>chests.</i>	TURKISH. <i>chests.</i>	CHINESE. <i>chests.</i>	TOTAL. <i>chests.</i>
1899,	9,028½	17,866	8,739	5,966½	51	39	41,690
1900,	10,218	19,351	8,045	5,184½	418	40	43,256½
Increase,.....	1,189½	1,485	...	...	367	1	3,042½
Decrease, ...	...	...	694	782	...	...	1,476

EXPORTS.

	MALWA. chests.	PATNA. chests.	BENARES. chests.	PERSIAN. chests.	TURKISH. chests.	CHINESE. chests.	TOTAL. chests.
1899,	9,017	17,812	8,597	5,034	27	37	40,524
1900,	9,392	16,630	7,948	4,496½	255	...	38,721½
Increase,.....	375	...	...	...	228	...	603
Decrease, ....	...	1,182	649	537½	...	37	2,405½

Through Cargo reported in Manifests but not landed, { 1899, 17,346 chests.
1900, 17,557½ ".

Increase,..... **$211\frac{1}{2}$** chests.

NUMBER OF PERMITS, &c., ISSUED.

	1899.	1900.	Increase.	Decrease.
Landing Permits,.....	325	293	... ,	32
Removal Permits,	8,404	7,633	... ,	771
Export Permits,	6,571	6,718	147	...
Permits to Chinese Customs Station, Samsuipoo,	34	...	... ,	34
Memo. of Exports to the Commissioner of Chinese Customs,	535	553	18	...
Memo. of Exports to the Superintendent of Raw Opium Department, Macao,	292	296	4	...

SUMMARY OF EXPORTS, 1900.

	Malwa chests.	Patna chests.	Benares chests.	Persian chests.	Turkish chests.	Chinese chests.	Total chests.	Total in piculs.
By Steamers to Amoy,	83	11	1,345	96	2	...	1,537	1,810.6
British Columbia,.....	...	2	...	1	...	...	3	3.425
British North Borneo,.....	...	1	1	30	...	...	32	33.15
Bunder Abbas,.....	...	...	...	15	...	...	15	15.375
Bushire,.....	...	...	...	47	...	...	47	48.175
Canton,.....	739½	4,035	1,140	2	...	...	5,916½	6,951.55
Chefoo,.....	8	4	20	...	...	...	32	36.8
Foochow,.....	1,290½	699	302	393	1	...	2,685½	2,895.525
Formosa,.....	...	100	300	2,728½	120	...	3,248½	3,396.7125
Haiphong,.....	...	...	5	...	...	...	5	6.
Hankow,.....	17	44	7	...	...	...	68	78.2
Hoihow,.....	...	371	75	...	...	...	446	535.2
Kong Chow Wan,.....	2	574	...	...	10	...	586	700.8
London,.....	...	...	...	26	94	...	120	120.65
Macao,.....	...	4,134	8	...	2	...	4,144	4,972.4
Mexico,.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1.025
Newchwang,.....	4	...	...	...	...	...	4	4.
New York,.....	...	...	...	4	...	...	4	4.1
Pakhoi,.....	...	29	50	...	...	...	79	94.8
Panama,.....	...	17	...	...	6	...	23	26.4
Philippine Islands,.....	1	618	543	...	...	...	1,162	1,394.2
Shanghai,.....	4,633½	4,295	3,409	19	2	...	12,358½	13,899.775
Straits Settlements,.....	...	...	...	1,123	18	...	1,141	1,169.075
Swatow,.....	2,334	1,557	737	11	...	...	4,639	5,098.075
By Junks to various adjacent Ports in China,.....	279½	139	6	...	...	...	424½	453.5
Total,.....	9,392	16,630	7,948	4,496½	255	...	38,721½	43,749.5125

The information in Column 8 above is on the following assumption :—

Patna and Benares, per chest,	1.20 piculs.
Malwa, Turkish and Chinese, per chest,	1.
Persian, per chest,	1.025 "

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 375.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd July, 1901.

NOTICE.

In accordance with the terms of the Rating Ordinance, No. 8 of 1901, Owners and Occupiers of Tenements are reminded that Rates for the Third Quarter of 1901 are payable in advance on or before the 31st of July, 1901.

If any person shall fail to pay such Rates on or before the 31st August, 1901, proceedings will be taken in the Supreme Court for their recovery without further notice.

No Refund of Rates on vacant tenements will be granted unless such Rates have been paid during and within the month of July.

C. McI. MESSER,
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

Treasury, Hongkong, 1st July, 1901.