

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 617.

The following Reports on Analyses of Rice are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

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

GOVERNMENT LABORATORY,
August 27th, 1901.

SIR,—I have the honour to report that an examination has been made of nine samples of Chinese rice, eight of which were sent by the Sanitary Board. The ninth sample was a specimen of good Chinese rice which was examined in order to serve as a standard. Although the eight samples were bought as being of the worst and cheapest quality the examination has shown that as far as their nutritive values are concerned they are quite satisfactory. The average percentage of albumenoids in the samples is 7.12. This amount is very high as the usually accepted amount in other rices is five, and this latter figure has been adopted in ascertaining the daily amount of food necessary for the Chinese in various capacities. No analyses of Chinese rice having hitherto been made (as far as I can ascertain) it has been considered to be very desirable to determine its constituents and the amounts of such. This has gone much beyond the limits of an ordinary analysis of rice but the results will be very useful for future comparisons.

2. A microscopical examination of the samples failed to show any notable quantity of foreign material.

3. Full particulars of the analyses can be seen from the attached table.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK BROWNE,
Government Analyst.

THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL MEDICAL OFFICER.

ANALYSES OF NINE SAMPLES OF CHINESE RICE.

The results are expressed as parts in 100 parts of the sample.

No.	Whence obtained.	Price paid, 1 catty.	Appearance of grain.	Colour of powder.	Mois- ture.	Ash.	Fat.	Album- enoids or N. x 6.33.	Starch.	Vege- table fibre.
1	34, Nullah Lane,	4 cents.	Sprinkling of powder.	White.	13.78	.72	.30	8.64	71.83	4.73
2	56, Jardine's Bazaar, ...	3 cents 8 cash.	Sprinkling of powder. Some integument present.	Pale yellow.	13.13	1.09	.56	5.56	71.19	8.47
3	134, Wing Lok Street,	4 cents 1 cash.	As (2).	Do.	13.38	1.10	.21	6.58	73.38	5.35
4	9, Cochrane Street, ...	3 cents 6 cash.	Much integument.	Gray.	12.95	1.77	.38	6.64	72.71	5.55
5	25, Pokfulam Road, ...	4 cents 2 cash.	Sprinkling of powder.	White.	13.15	.64	.35	7.82	75.71	2.33
6	6, Pokfulam Road, ...	2 cents 8 cash.	Do.	Do.	14.13	.73	.50	7.08	75.95	1.61
7	132, Wing Lok Street,	3 cents 7 cash.	Do.	Do.	13.47	.59	.30	7.08	76.93	1.63
8	8, Gough Street,	4 cents.	Do.	Do.	13.42	.40	.15	7.51	77.18	1.34
9	288, Queen's Road, W.	5 cents.	Clean translucent grain.	Do.	13.25	.38	.34	7.21	76.68	2.14

FRANK BROWNE,
Government Analyst.

27th August, 1901.

GOVERNMENT LABORATORY,
October 10th, 1901.

SIR,—I have the honour to report that a large number of cultivations have been made so as to ascertain the presence in the rice or absence therefrom of the plague bacillus. In no sample has it been found. On two samples the harmless *Bacillus Subtilis* was growing. From the few kinds of bacteria observed, rice alone does not appear to contain the constituents necessary for the growth of many varieties of micro-organisms.

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FRANK BROWNE,
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The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

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

POSTAL NOTES.

1. Postal Notes of the values named below, payable within three months at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, or at Constantinople, can be obtained at Hongkong or at any British Post Office in China at the following prices, which include Commission:—

1/-	54 cents.
1/6	81 „
5/-	\$ 2.70
10/-	\$ 5.30
20/-	\$10.60

2. The purchaser of any Postal Note must fill in the Payee's name before parting with it. He may also fill in the name of the Office where payment is to be made. If this is not done the Note is payable (within three months) anywhere in the United Kingdom, or at Constantinople. Any Postal Note may be crossed to a Bank.

3. Postal Notes should *always* be forwarded in *Registered Covers*. If this precaution is not taken NO ENQUIRIES WHATEVER will be made as to the loss or alleged loss of any Note.

4. Postal Notes issued in the United Kingdom are NOT payable in Hongkong or China.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

HONGKONG, 14th October, 1901.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 619.

The following Returns of Deaths, for the month of September, 1901, are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th October, 1901.