

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 345.

The following Extract of Meteorological Observations, made at the Hongkong Observatory during the month of May, 1902, is published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 6th June, 1902.

EXTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS MADE AT THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1902.

DATE.	BARO-METER AT M.S.L.	TEMPERATURE.			HUMIDITY.		CLOUDI-NESS.	SUN-SHINE.	RAIN.	WIND.	
		Max.	Mean.	Min.	Rel.	Abs.				Dir.	Vel.
	ins.	°	°	°	p. c.	ins.	p. c.	hrs.	ins.	Points.	Miles. p. h.
1,.....	29.95	78.8	75.8	73.3	87	0.78	81	1.9	0.250	E by S	20.4
2,.....	.99	87.1	78.5	74.5	83	.81	79	10.3	...	E	9.0
3,.....	30.00	83.1	77.9	75.8	86	.82	79	4.3	0.115	E	21.3
4,.....	29.93	83.2	78.1	75.3	87	.84	61	7.5	0.100	E	12.8
5,.....	.87	88.1	80.6	75.7	76	.79	19	11.8	...	SSW	4.2
6,.....	.87	87.8	82.0	78.2	79	.86	55	7.9	...	SSW	6.0
7,.....	.86	89.1	82.8	80.0	75	.85	68	8.7	...	SSW	7.9
8,.....	.82	83.5	80.1	77.0	86	.88	92	...	1.040	SSW	15.9
9,.....	.80	86.5	81.6	78.1	82	.88	83	3.3	0.935	SW by S	18.2
10,.....	.79	85.7	82.0	79.9	82	.90	86	3.2	0.120	SSW	13.7
11,.....	.89	82.2	75.9	70.6	68	.61	89	3.6	1.355	NNE	9.3
12,.....	.96	75.7	71.3	72.7	76	.65	89	...	0.015	E by N	25.0
13,.....	.90	78.0	74.2	70.9	93	.79	100	...	6.750	E	19.4
14,.....	.82	85.6	79.2	75.2	87	.86	81	3.2	2.320	SW by S	11.6
15,.....	.74	84.3	80.8	78.7	83	.87	97	1.8	0.250	SW	22.0
16,.....	.86	82.8	77.6	74.3	75	.71	70	10.2	0.005	ENE	14.6
17,.....	.96	79.4	76.4	73.4	79	.72	81	7.1	0.080	E by N	26.6
18,.....	.92	80.8	78.1	75.2	91	.87	94	0.6	0.960	SE by E	7.2
19,.....	.84	85.7	81.6	79.3	82	.88	86	4.7	0.025	SW by S	8.5
20,.....	.75	85.1	78.5	72.5	88	.86	92	2.6	1.715	W	6.6
21,.....	.71	83.5	79.2	76.6	88	.88	94	7.1	...	E by S	12.0
22,.....	.68	85.1	80.0	76.8	86	.88	70	5.6	0.035	E by S	6.9
23,.....	.72	84.9	80.8	77.3	86	.90	60	7.0	...	ESE	7.6
24,.....	.78	82.2	79.8	76.3	89	.90	89	2.2	1.150	E by S	9.4
25,.....	.78	84.0	79.5	75.5	91	.91	85	1.5	1.020	E by N	5.2
26,.....	.77	87.4	81.3	77.0	87	.93	94	4.8	0.910	SW by S	4.3
27,.....	.77	85.0	80.2	76.2	89	.92	99	...	1.175	SW by S	5.4
28,.....	.79	81.8	78.4	76.9	92	.90	100	...	2.045	ESE	4.8
29,.....	.78	84.6	82.4	77.6	86	.96	100	...	2.185	SW by S	15.0
30,.....	.74	83.9	82.8	77.6	85	.96	100	...	0.765	SW by S	14.5
31,.....	.73	87.0	80.4	76.2	91	.95	100	0.1	1.410	SW by W	6.5
Mean or Total,	29.83	83.9	79.4	76.0	84	0.85	81	121.0	26.730	SE	12.0

The following notices have been issued during the month:—

On the 19th at 11.20 a.—“The barometer has risen in NE Japan, fallen elsewhere, particularly over the E. coast of China and the Loochoos. Another depression has passed over the E. coast of China moving Eastwards towards W. Japan. Pressure is also low over the Pacific to the E. of the Philippines. Gradients are moderate for SW winds on the SE coast of China.” Forecast:—“Moderate SW winds; fair.”

On the 20th at 12.10 p.—“The barometer has risen over the E. coast of China, fallen elsewhere. The depression in the North has moved Eastwards and is now lying over Central Japan. Another low pressure area seems to be lying to the NE of Luzon.” Forecast:—“Variable winds, light or moderate; thundershowers.”

On the 21st at 11.35 a.—“The barometer has risen in Japan, fallen in China and Formosa. Pressure remains low in the N. part of the Sea of Japan, and the low area in the South seems to be lying near N. Luzon. Gradients moderate for NE winds, in S. China.” Forecast:—“Moderate NE winds; unsettled, showery.”

On the 22nd at 11.50 a.—“The barometer has fallen much over the Loochoos and in N. China. There is a depression over N. China, and the depression in the South is moving Northwards to the E. of Formosa. Gradients slight with variable winds on the China coast.” Forecast:—“Light to moderate SW winds; showery.”

On the 23rd at 11.57 a.—“The barometer has fallen in Japan, risen over China and Formosa. The depression lying to the East of Formosa yesterday has moved NE and lies now over N. Loochoo. The depression situated over Manchuria yesterday, has moved Eastwards into the N. part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients slight on the China coast.” Forecast:—“Variable winds, light; showery.”

On the 24th at 11.30 a.—“The barometer has fallen on the S. coast of Japan, risen elsewhere. The depression has continued to move towards NE and lies now off the SE coast of Japan. Gradients slight with light variable winds on the China coast.” Forecast:—“Light variable winds; thundershowers.”

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Hongkong Observatory, 4th June, 1902.

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The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 30th April, 1902, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th June, 1902.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,.....	3,180,258	1,700,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	8,281,554	5,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,	436,724	150,000
TOTAL,.....\$	11,898,536	6,850,000

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

The S.S. *Pakshan* is sunk in the Harbour off the Sailors' Home, on the Southern boundary of the Central Fairway. Her position will be marked by two sampans, moored one at each end of her, and showing, by day, a red flag, and by night, a globular red lantern.

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Harbour Department, Hongkong, 3rd June, 1902.