

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 474.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to grant to Lieutenant H. B. WHEELER, Hongkong Volunteer Corps, leave of absence for twelve months from the 28th July, 1902.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th July, 1902.

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The following Report on the Health and Sanitary Condition of the Colony of Hongkong, for the year 1901, is published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th July, 1902.

GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL,
HONGKONG, *June 28th*, 1902.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor and for transmission to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State, the Medical Report on the health and sanitary condition of the Colony of Hongkong for the year 1901, together with the returns, &c., appended thereto.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

You obedient Servant,

J. M. ATKINSON,
Principal Civil Medical Officer.

The Honourable

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

POPULATION.

The estimated population of the Colony for 1901 was 300,660. There were 1,088 births and 7,082 deaths, of the latter 1,562 were from plague.

The *birth-rate* was 3.6 per 1,000 as against 3.3 per 1,000 in 1900.

The *death-rate* was 23.5 per 1,000 as compared with 23.9 in 1900. Excluding the deaths from plague the death-rate would have been 19.03 per 1,000.

The following figures will show the comparison of the *death-rate* in the Chinese and non-Chinese during the past two years:—

	1900.	1901.
Non-Chinese,	20.4 per 1,000	20.5 per 1,000
Chinese,	24.1 „ „	23.77 „ „

PREVALENCE OF SICKNESS IN DIFFERENT SEASONS OF THE YEAR, AND GENERAL CHARACTER AS TO THE MILDNESS OR SEVERITY OF THE DISEASES PREVAILING.

Small-pox.—This disease was much more prevalent than in 1900; 91 cases being notified during the year as against 27 in 1900; most of these cases occurred in the early part of the year, 42 being reported in March and 28 in April.

Cholera.—Seventeen cases were imported from Singapore on board the S.S. *Cheung Chew* in the month of February.