

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 476.

The following Report on the Assessment for the year 1902-1903, is published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

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

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE,
HONGKONG, 22nd July, 1902.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my Report on the Assessment for the year 1902-1903.

2. *The City of Victoria.*—The result of the new Valuation is that the Rateable Value of the City of Victoria is, in the list which came into force on the 1st instant, \$6,945,115 as compared with last year's (1901-1902) Assessment, \$5,969,765—an increase in Rateable Value of \$975,350, equivalent to 16.34 per cent.

3. *The Hill District.*—The Rateable Value of the Hill District is now \$193,990 against \$164,490 last year—an increase of \$29,500 or 17.93 per cent.

4. *Hongkong Villages.*—The Rateable Value of the Hongkong Villages has been raised from \$199,281 to \$220,453—an increase of \$21,172 or 10.62 per cent.

5. *Kowloon Point.*—The Rateable Value of the Kowloon Point or Tsim Tsa Tsui District has increased from \$178,067 to \$289,945—a difference of \$111,878 equal to 62.83 per cent.

6. *Kowloon Villages.*—The Rateable Value of the Villages comprising the remainder of British Kowloon is now \$517,830 as compared with \$378,149 last year—an increase of \$139,681 or 36.94 per cent.

7. *The Whole Colony.*—The Rateable Value of the whole Colony is now \$8,167,333 as compared with last year's Assessment of \$6,889,752—an increase of \$1,277,581 or 18.54 per cent.

8. *Interim Valuations.*—During the period from 1st July, 1901, to 1st June, 1902, Interim Valuations have been made as follows:—

In the City of Victoria.

438 new and/or rebuilt tenements, rateable value,	\$583,540
173 improved tenements, rateable value,	\$190,755
Replacing Assessments, amounting to	117,200
	73,555
	657,095
189 Assessments cancelled, tenements pulled down, or being in other respects not rateable,	156,335
Increase in City of Victoria,	\$500,760

In the Rest of the Colony.

431 new and/or rebuilt tenements, rateable value,	\$208,758
5 improved tenements, rateable value,	\$890
Replacing Assessments, amounting to	300
	590
	209,348
104 Assessments cancelled, tenements pulled down, or being in other respects not rateable,	27,661
Increase in the Rest of the Colony,	\$181,687

The total number of tenements affected by Interim Valuations being 1,340.

9. *Vacant Tenements.*—The number of reported vacant tenements in the City of Victoria inspected under section 35 of the Rating Ordinance averaged about 176 monthly against 103 last year.

10. *Tabular Statements.*—The usual tabular statements giving comparisons of the Valuation for 1901-1902 and the new Valuation for 1902-1903 are attached.

11. *Staff.*—The services of Mr. CHAN U CHIU, Interpreter, and his successor Mr. CHEUNG SHIU HUN were dispensed with during the year, Mr. CHEUNG LAI KAM now occupying the post.

Mr. CHAPMAN returned from leave on 27th November, 1901, and left again for England in charge of the Coronation Contingent of Volunteers on 14th May last.

The members of the Staff, with the exception of the two first mentioned, have discharged their duties to my satisfaction, particularly Mr. CHEUNG YUK FAT who has shown much energy and zeal in the performance of his duties.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

DAVID WOOD,
Acting Assessor.

The Honourable

A. M. THOMSON,
Colonial Treasurer.

Table A.
THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

No.	District.	Valuation 1901-1902.	Valuation 1902-1903.	Increase.	Percentage.
		\$	\$	\$	%
1	Kennedy Town,	122,620	131,215	8,595	
2	Shek Tong Tsui,	258,365	324,025	65,660	
3	Sai Ying Pun,	1,324,775	1,531,915	207,140	
4	Tai Ping Shan,	537,005	559,110	22,105	
5	Sheung Wan,	752,585	946,860	194,275	
6	Chung Wan,	2,228,270	2,539,410	311,140	
7	Ha Wan,	282,935	331,700	48,765	
8	Wan Tsai,	279,640	368,070	88,430	
9	Bowrington,	62,305	84,435	22,130	
10	Soo Kon Poo,	121,265	128,375	7,110	
	\$	5,969,765	6,945,115	975,350	16.34

Table B.
THE HILL DISTRICT AND HONGKONG VILLAGES.

District.	Valuation 1901-1902.	Valuation 1902-1903.	Increase.	Percentage.	
	\$	\$	\$	%	
The Hill District,	164,490	193,990	29,500	17.93	
Hongkong Villages,	199,281	220,453	21,172	10.62	
	\$	363,771	414,443	50,672	13.93

Table C.
KOWLOON POINT AND KOWLOON VILLAGES.

District.	Valuation. 1901-1902.	Valuation 1902-1903.	Increase.	Percentage.
	\$	\$	\$	%
Kowloon Point,.....	178,067	289,945	111,878	62.83
Kowloon Villages,.....	378,149	517,830	139,681	36.94
	\$ 556,216	807,775	251,559	45.23

Table D.
THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

District.	Valuation 1901-1902.	Valuation 1902-1903.	Increase.	Percentage.
	\$	\$	\$	%
The City of Victoria,	5,969,765	6,945,115	975,350	16.34
Hill District and Hongkong Villages,	363,771	414,443	50,672	13.93
Kowloon Point and Kowloon Villages,	556,216	807,775	251,559	45.23
	\$ 6,889,752	8,167,333	1,277,581	18.54

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Information has been received from the Military Authorities, that gun practice will be carried out daily (Sundays excepted) from Stonecutters and Belcher Batteries from the 6th August to the 5th November, 1902, in a North-Westerly, Westerly, and South-Westerly direction.

Practice will commence each day about 9.30 a.m.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th July, 1902.

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In accordance with the provisions of Section 62 of Ordinance No. 13 of 1901, it is hereby notified that the Government proposes to erect a public latrine of twelve seats on Crown Land at the junction of the Soy Street and Nullah Street nullahs, Mong-kok-tsui.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 31st July, 1902.