

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 113.

DOWNING STREET,
23rd February, 1914.*Circular.*

SIR.—With reference to Mr. Lyttelton's circular despatch of the 9th of January, 1904, I have the honour to inform you that the provisions of the German Law authorising the grant of most-favoured-nation treatment to the British Empire, which have from time to time been prolonged beyond 31st December, 1905, have now, by a Law dated 13th December, 1913, and notification of the Imperial Chancellor dated 19th December, 1913, been extended until 31st December, 1915.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 114.

Regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 6 of the Theatres and Public Performances Regulation Ordinance, 1908, (Ordinance No. 18 of 1908), as amended by the Theatres and Public Performances Regulation Amendment Ordinance, 1910, (Ordinance No. 17 of 1910), on the 19th day of March, 1914.

The fee payable in respect of the licence for the public performance of stage plays in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, shall be \$1 per annum and not \$120 as provided by the Table of Fees published in the *Gazette* on the 20th August, 1909, and on page 580 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1910.

19th March, 1914.

No. 115.

Regulation made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 62 (e) and (f) of the Opium Ordinance, 1914, (Ordinance No. 4 of 1914), on the 20th March, 1914.

1. Prepared Opium shall be sold in Hongkong, Kowloon and the Southern District of the New Territories in the packages and at the prices shown below:—

Quality.	Weight.	Price.	
1. 1st quality.	3 Taels.	\$24.50	Payable in bank notes.
2. 2nd "	1 Tael.	8.00	
3. " "	.36 Taels.	3.00	
4. " "	.18 "	1.50	
5. " "	.060 "	.50	
6. " "	.030 "	.25	
7. 3rd quality.	.020 "	.15	
8. Dross Opium.	.040 "	.14	

2. Prepared Opium shall be sold in the Northern District of the New Territories in the packages and at the prices shown below :—

Quality.	Weight.	Price.	
1. 2nd quality.	.040 Taels.	.30	
2. " "	.020 " "	.15	
3. 3rd "	.022 " "	.15	

20th March, 1914.

No. 116.

Regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 39 (8) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinances, 1899 to 1913, on the 26th day of March, 1914.

Table U of the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinances, 1899 to 1913, made by the Officer Administering the Government-in-Council on the 12th day of April, 1912, and published in the *Gazette* of the 19th day of April, 1912, as amended by the Governor-in-Council on the 26th day of June, 1913, and published in the *Gazette* of the 4th day of July, 1913, as further amended by the Governor-in-Council on the 31st day of July, 1913, and published in the *Gazette* of the 1st day of August, 1913, and as further amended by the Governor-in-Council on the 26th day of February, 1914, and published in the *Gazette* of the 6th day of March, 1914, is hereby further amended by the insertion of the following Rule after Rule No. 11 in the said Table :—

"11a.—No person shall, without the written permission of the Harbour Master, use drags, grapplings, or other means, within the Harbour Limits, for the purpose of lifting articles or things from the bed thereof."

No. 117.—His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to direct that the provisions of the Education Ordinance, 1913, (Ordinance No. 26 of 1913), shall not apply to the following schools :—

- St. Stephen's College ;
- St. Paul's College ;
- St. Stephen's Girls' College.

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
26th March, 1914.

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 118.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP to act as Attorney General during the absence on leave of the Honourable Mr. JOHN ALEXANDER STRACHEY BUCKNILL, K.C., with effect from the 28th March, 1914.

30th March, 1914.

No. 119.—It is hereby notified that Mr. ALIM KHAN, formerly Clerk in the Registry of the Supreme Court, has, by direction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, been dismissed from the Government Service, with effect from the 29th January, 1914.

31st March, 1914.