

HONGKONG.

REPORT ON THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 1906-1907.

*Laid before the Legislative Council by Command of
His Excellency the Governor.*

1. His Excellency the Governor in Council under Section 8 of the Rating Ordinance No. 6 of 1901, ordered the existing valuation for 1905-06 to be adopted as the valuation for 1906-07. During the past year no general assessment has been made, the increase in Rateable Value being the result of Interim-Assessments.

The City of Victoria.

2. The Rateable Value has increased from \$8,831,815 to \$9,207,595, an addition of \$375,780 or 4.25 per cent.

The Hill District.

3. The Rateable Value has increased from \$248,265 to \$252,160, an addition of \$3,895 or 1.56 per cent.

Kowloon Point.

4. The Rateable Value has increased from \$415,035 to \$452,060, an addition of \$37,025 or 8.92 per cent.

Yaumati.

5. The Rateable Value has increased from \$250,470 to \$250,770, an addition of \$300 or 0.11 per cent.

Hung Hom.

6. The Rateable Value has increased from \$200,245 to \$220,445, an addition of \$20,200 or 10.08 per cent.

Mong Kok Tsui.

7. The Rateable Value has increased from \$133,060 to \$139,475, an addition of \$6,415 or 4.82 per cent.

Shaukiwan.

8. The Rateable Value has increased from \$49,122 to \$49,977, an addition of \$855 or 1.74 per cent.

Tai Hang.

9. The Rateable Value has increased from \$12,275 to \$12,395, an addition of \$120 or 0.97 per cent.

Hongkong Villages.

10. The Rateable Value has increased from \$189,927 to \$193,497, an addition of \$3,570 or 1.87 per cent.

Kowloon Villages.

11. The Rateable Value has increased from \$142,064 to \$151,899, an addition of \$9,835 or 6.92 per cent.

The whole Colony.

12. The Rateable Value has increased from \$10,472,278 to \$10,930,273, an addition of \$457,995 or 4.37 per cent.

New Kowloon.

13. The Rateable Value has increased from \$38,885 to \$38,930, an addition of \$45 or 0.11 per cent.

Interim Valuations.

14. During the period from 1st July, 1905, to 1st June, 1906, Interim Valuations have been made as follows :—

In the City of Victoria.

147 New and/or rebuilt tenements, rateable value,	\$401,905	*
38 Tenements structurally altered,	\$102,990	
Replacing assessments amount to,	140,690	
	<u>37,700</u>	
	\$439,605	
105 Assessments cancelled, tenements pulled down, or being in other respects not rateable,	63,825	
	<u>375,780</u>	
Increase in the City of Victoria,	\$375,780	

In the Rest of the Colony.

105 New and/or rebuilt tenements, rateable value,	\$59,810
15 Tenements structurally altered,	\$258,720
Replacing assessments amount to,	294,905
	<u>36,185</u>
	\$95,995
76 Assessments cancelled, tenements pulled down, or being in other respects not rateable,	13,780
	<u>82,215</u>
Increase in the Rest of the Colony,	\$82,215

In New Kowloon.

1 New tenement, rateable value,	\$45
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The total number of tenements affected by Interim Valuations being 487.

Vacant Tenements.

15. The number of vacant tenements in the City of Victoria inspected under Section 35 of the Rating Ordinance averaged about 220 monthly, against 165 last year.

Tabular Statements.

16. The usual tabular statements giving comparisons of the Valuation for 1905-1906 and 1906-1907 are attached.

Staff.

17. Mr. CHAN KWOK ON and Mr. TAI TIN SHANG have discharged their duties to my satisfaction.

DAVID WOOD,
Assessor.

6th July, 1906.

Table C.

KOWLOON POINT, YAUMATI, HUNGHOM, MONGKOKTSUI & KOWLOON VILLAGES.

<i>District.</i>	<i>Valuation 1905-1906.</i>	<i>Valuation 1906-1907.</i>	<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>	<i>Percentage.</i>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Kowloon Point,	415,035	452,060	37,025	...	8.92
Yaumati,	250,470	250,770	300	...	0.11
Hunghom,	200,245	220,445	20,200	...	10.08
Mongkoktsui,	133,060	139,475	6,415	...	4.82
Kowloon Villages,	142,064	151,899	9,835	...	6.92
Total,.....\$	1,140,874	1,214,649	73,775	...	6.46

Table D.

THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

<i>District.</i>	<i>Valuation 1905-1906.</i>	<i>Valuation 1906-1907.</i>	<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>	<i>Percentage.</i>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
The City of Victoria,	8,831,815	9,207,595	375,780	...	4.25
The Hill District and Hong- kong Villages,	499,589	508,029	8,440	...	1.68
Kowloon Point & Kowloon Villages,	1,140,874	1,214,649	73,775	...	6.46
Total,.....\$	10,472,278	10,930,273	457,995	...	4.37

Table E.

NEW KOWLOON.

<i>District.</i>	<i>Valuation 1905-1906.</i>	<i>Valuation 1906-1907.</i>	<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>	<i>Percentage.</i>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Kowloon City and Shan- shuipo,	38,885	38,930	45	...	0.11

Table F.

<i>District.</i>	ANNUAL RATES.		
	<i>Valuation, 1905-06.</i>	<i>Valuation, 1906-07.</i>	<i>Increase.</i>
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
Victoria,	1,148,166.88	1,196,962.76	48,795.88
Hill District,	26,659.52	32,717.00	6,057.48
Shaikiwan,	4,423.36	4,500.28	76.92
Tai Hang,	2,087.24	2,107.64	20.40
Hongkong Villages,	14,595.28	14,880.28	285.00
Kowloon Point,	50,842.12	55,554.68	4,712.56
Yaumati,	30,684.56	30,721.32	36.76
Hung Hom,	24,531.68	26,932.76	2,401.08
Mongkoktsui,	16,300.48	17,086.28	785.80
Kowloon Villages,	10,885.08	11,743.56	858.48
Kowloon City and Shamshuipo, New Territory, }	2,719.64	2,728.04	8.40
\$	1,331,895.84	1,395,934.60	64,038.76