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RETURNS OF THE POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURTS, FOR THE YEAR 1905.

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His Excellency the Governor.*

No. 10.

MAGISTRACY,
HONGKONG, 7th March, 1906.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith the Annual Returns for the year 1905 in which are included those for the New Territory in accordance with instructions contained in C.S.O. 2670/05 :—

- I. Abstract of Cases during the year.
- II. Return of Punishments awarded in respect of certain Classes of Offences during the year.
- III. List of Offences tried during the year.
- IV. Comparative Return of Cases for the past ten years.

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Table I.

ABSTRACT of CASES under COGNIZANCE of the POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURTS during the Year 1905.

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCES.	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES.	TOTAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS.		Convicted and Punished.		Discharged.		Committed for Trial at the Supreme Court.		Committed to Prison or Detained pending Orders of H.E. the Governor.		Ordered to find Security.*				Wineses punished for preferring false Charge or giving willful false Testimony.		Undecided.		Total Number of Prisoners.		WRITS ISSUED BY THE POLICE MAGISTRATES DURING THE YEAR 1905.						TOTAL.			
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	
																															To keep the Peace.
Assaults and other Offences against the Person.....	981	572	39	362	38	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	130	35	33	6	...	...	2	1	20	1	1,148	120	210	47	4,663	175	14	7,589
Malicious Injuries to Property.....	85	82	...	8	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gambling.....	205	1,361	42	89	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,455	42	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Property other than Malicious Injuries to Property or Private Larceny.....	1,831	1,507	87	463	40	47	1	...	...	...	...	10	3	32	...	4	1	...	...	...	87	2	2,150	135	210	47	4,663	175	14	7,589
Offences against Revenue Acts, Highway Acts, Health Acts, and other Acts relating to the Social Economy of the Colony.....	2,368	2,652	105	436	12	3	1	18	2	3	67	...	3,179	120
Offences against Masters and Servants Acts, including Acts relating to Indentured Coolies.....	54	32	2	25	1	4	...	62	2
Other Offences.....	8,023	8,303	637	714	136	7	1	19	1	1	1	65	18	10	1	1	1	4	2	46	4	9,169	801	210	47	4,663	175	14	7,589		
Total,	13,450	14,512	912	2,097	226	85	2	19	1	1	209	57	95	9	8	2	6	4	224	7	17,255	1,220	2,468	11	1	47	4,663	175	14	7,589	

TOTAL MALES AND FEMALES, 18,475

* Consisting of Offenders not sentenced to Imprisonment.

Table II.
RETURN OF PUNISHMENTS AWARDED IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF OFFENCES,
DURING THE YEAR 1905.

PUNISHMENTS.		Assaults and other Offences against the Person.	Ma-licious Injuries to Pro-erty.	Gam-bling.	Offences against Pro-erty other than Malicious Injuries to Property or Prædial Larceny.	Offences against Revenue Acts, Highway Acts, Health Acts, and other Acts relating to the Social Economy of the Colony.	Offences against Masters and Servants Acts, including Acts relating to Indentured Coolies.	Other Offen-ces.
Description.	Number of each kind inflicted.							
Fine,	10,972	421	71	1,140	353	2,326	17	6,644
Imprisonment in lieu of fine or security,	2,800	79	6	265	227	386	14	1,823
Peremptory Im-prisonment,	891	89	5	...	457	44	3	293
Whipping,	45	1	...	1	43	...	...	...
Solitary Confine-ment, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Exposed in Stocks,	673	24	...	...	515	1	...	133
Sent to House of Detention,	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
Bound over with or without Sureties,	380	204	...	2	50	27	1	96
Total,	15,814	818	82	1,408	1,645	2,784	35	9,042

Table III.

LIST OF OFFENCES TRIED IN THE POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURTS DURING THE YEAR 1905.

OFFENCES.	NUMBER OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.	OFFENCES.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.
Arms Consolidation Ordinance—2 of 1900,—			<i>Brought forward,</i>	701	1,048
Ammunition—Being in possession of,.....	3	3	Dangerous Goods Ordinance—1 of 1873.—		
" Failing to furnish the Harbour Master	1	1	Ships, &c. neglecting to hoist a Red Flag or to exhibit		
with a manifest of,.....			red light when laden with,.....	5	6
Arms—Carrying or having possession of, without a	83	77	Storing, without a licence,.....	27	44
permit,.....			Selling, without a licence,.....	2	2
" —Dealing in, without a licence,.....	3	3	Unlawfully obtained—throwing into water,.....	1	1
" —Importing into the Colony without permit, ...	1	1	Dogs Ordinance—5 of 1893.—		
Bribery and certain other Misdemeanour Punishment			Dogs—Unlicensed keeping of,.....	21	29
Ordinance—1 of 1898,—			Employers and Servants Ordinance—45 of 1902,—		
Offering or accepting a bribe by a public servant, ...	35	36	Breach of,.....	48	52
Banishment and Conditional Pardons Ordinance—1 of			Extradition Acts of 1870-1873,—		
1882,—			Offences under,.....	2	2
Banishment—Returning after,.....	74	73	Fire Investigation Ordinance—8 of 1895,—		
Buildings Ordinance—1 of 1903.—			Removing property from Premises under Fire In-		
Blasting stones or excavations, &c., to the danger of	9	10	vestigation,.....	1	1
persons and property without taking proper			Foreign Offenders Detention Ordinance—1 of 1872,—		
precaution,.....			Offences under,.....	2	2
Building—Neglecting to use proper materials for	3	3	Forgery Ordinance—4 of 1865,—		
the erection of,.....			Forged Bank note,—Uttering, with intent to defraud	1	1
Cutting earth, or turf, and extracting stones from	79	167	Forged documents—Uttering, with intent to de-		
Crown Land,.....			fraud,.....	3	3
Dangerous walls—Neglecting to pay the cost for	1	1	Document—Forging, with intent to defraud, ...	3	3
shoring up,.....			Forts Protection Ordinance—3 of 1891,—		
Fire-place—Failing to provide,.....	2	2	Battery, Fieldwork, or Fortification—Entering with-		
Boarded ceiling—Erecting without permission,.....	1	1	out a written permit,.....	5	6
Hoardings—Leaving in roadway to the danger of	1	1	Fugitive Offenders Act of 1881,—		
passengers,.....			Offences under,.....	4	4
Encroachment on Crown Land,.....	4	4	Gambling Ordinance—2 of 1891,—		
Inflammable structures—Erecting, without permis-	7	12	Common Gaming House—Keeping, or playing in,	107	1,336
sion of the Director of Public Works,.....			Lotteries—Dealing in,.....	8	8
Matched overcrowding,.....	3	3	" —Announcing the result of,.....	3	3
Matched Kitchen, Maintaining other than in accord-	1	1	Street Gambling,.....	81	136
ance with Matched Bye-laws,.....			Watchmen to Street Gamblers—Acting as,.....	2	2
Plans of Building—Neglecting to submit, to the	11	11	Gambling on board in the Harbour,.....	4	12
Director of Public Works,.....			Good Order and Cleanliness Ordinance—1 of 1845,—		
Notices of Building Authority—Failing to comply	100	107	Animals—Cruelty to,.....	22	35
with,.....			Bonfire—Making,.....	20	96
Verandahs obstruction,.....	8	8	Breach of the Peace,.....	28	31
Waste-pipe—Failing to repair,.....	1	1	Cattle turned loose on public ways,.....	10	10
Cattle Diseases Ordinance—1 of 1903,—			Disorderly behaviour,.....	569	1,081
Cattle—Landing at prohibited wharf, &c., or during	1	2	Dogs—Allowing unmuzzled, ferocious, to be at large,	8	8
prohibited hours,.....			" —Keeping, accustomed to annoy passengers, ...	1	1
Pigs—Keeping, in a way which caused needless or	2	2	Firearms—Discharge to the danger of the Public, ...	1	1
avoidable suffering to them,.....			Furious driving,.....	9	9
Slaughter-houses, &c.—Slaughtering animals except	2	2	Indecent exposure of person by bathing, or otherwise,	5	10
in,.....			Nuisances—Hanging wet clothes, etc., over Public		
China & Corea Order in Council 1904,—			ways,.....	6	7
Proceedings under,.....	1	1	" —Throwing rubbish, etc., into the streets,	125	137
Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance—1 of			Obstruction of roads and streets by hawkers and		
1889,—			shopkeepers,.....	1,181	1,351
Chinese Boarding House—Unlicensed,.....	5	5	Public Prostitutes—Soliciting persons in public place		
Decoying men or boys into or away from the	4	4	(Ord. 7 of 1905),.....	1	1
Colony,.....			Stones—Throwing to danger of the public,.....	2	2
Chinese Boarding House—Failing to register names	7	7	Unlawful possession of property,.....	263	315
etc., of lodgers,.....			" of trees, shrubs, etc.,.....	57	76
Chinese Boarding House Licence—Breach of condi-	2	2	Property—Damage to,.....	4	5
tions of,.....			Prevention of persons from working at lawful occu-		
Emigration Passage Broker—Failing to obtain licence,	1	1	pation,.....	1	2
False Return to Emigration Officer—Furnishing, ...	1	1	Obstruction accruing to Navigation,.....	1	7
Personating Emigrants,—Attempting to procure,.....	1	1	Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance—14 of 1901,—		
Shipment of Emigrants,—Attempting to procure,.....	1	2	Fireworks—Exposing for sale in uncovered cases, ...	3	5
Chinese Extradition Ordinance—7 of 1889,—			Larceny & other similar Offences Ordinance—5 of 1865,—		
Chinese Territory—Crimes and Offences committed	15	16	Burglary,.....	1	1
in,.....			Embezzlement,.....	22	22
Closed Houses and Insanitary Dwellings Ordinance—1 of			False pretences—Obtaining, or attempting to obtain,		
1903,—			goods or money by,.....	49	50
Backyards—Neglecting to keep, clear of obstruction,	2	2	Felony—Attempting to commit,.....	12	10
Basement floors—Inhabiting,.....	3	3	" —Breaking out from a Store after committing a	3	5
Basement—Used for preparation of food,.....	8	8	" —Breaking into a house and committing a		
Cubicles—Breach of Regulations for,.....	73	192	therein,.....	19	24
Houses—Neglecting to cleanse and limewash,.....	44	175	" —Breaking into a house, with intent to commit,	16	18
Open space—Neglecting to provide an—in the rear	11	11	Housebreaking,.....	10	16
of building,.....			Larceny—as a bailee,.....	22	23
Premises—Neglecting to keep in clean and whole-	19	25	" —common,.....	928	1,019
some condition,.....			" —from dwelling house,.....	39	43
Windows, &c.—Obstruction,.....	11	11	" —from the person,.....	60	67
Coinage Offences Ordinance—7 of 1865,—			" —from ships or boats in the Harbour,.....	19	20
Counterfeit Coins—Being in possession of,.....	21	13	" —from Godown,.....	1	1
" " —Uttering or putting off,.....	5	4	" —of cattle or other animals,.....	1	1
Common Law—			Menaces—Demanding money by,.....	7	8
Conspiracy to pervert the course of Justice (Arch.	1	2	Robbery from the person,.....	3	8
22nd Edition),.....			" " with violence,.....	3	4
Perjury, (Ord. 2 of 1889),.....	5	5	" Armed,.....	20	46
Suicide—Attempting to commit,.....	9	9	Stolen goods—Receiving,.....	26	47
Cargo-working on Sunday Ordinance—1 of 1891,—			Goods stolen outside the Colony—Unlawful posses-		
Breach of,.....	3	3	sion of,.....	3	7
Dangerous Goods Ordinance—1 of 1873,—			Material particulars from account book—Falsely		
Carrying, uncovered in boat, or failing to cover with	5	5	omitting,.....	1	1
serviceable tarpaulin,.....			Licensing Consolidation Ordinance—8 of 1887,—		
Conveying or exposing for sale, without attaching	5	5	Hawker's licence—Failing to exhibit in a conspicu-		
labels to cases or vessels containing the same, ...			ous place,.....	5	5
Junk—Lighting on board while laden with kerosine,	2	3			
<i>Carried forward,</i>	701	1,048	<i>Carried forward,</i>	4,618	7,337

LIST OF OFFENCES, ETC.,—Continued.

OFFENCES.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.	OFFENCES.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.
<i>Brought forward</i> ,	4,618	7,337	<i>Brought forward</i> ,	7,087	10,752
Licensing Consolidation Ordinance—8 of 1887.— <i>Cont.</i>			Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance—10 of 1899.— <i>Continued.</i>		
Hawker's licence—Breach of conditions of,	6	8	Seamen—Remaining behind Ship after having signed the Articles,	8	9
Hawking within the prescribed limits of Market,	313	305	—Refusal or neglect of duty by, in British Ship,	4	27
—Unlicensed,	676	655	—Boarding House, Chinese—Keeping, unlicensed,	1	1
Public Vehicles—Breach of Bye-laws for Quarry Bay,	16	20	—Forced on shore by master of British Ship,	1	1
—Not properly equipped,	2	21	Ships, etc.—Anchorage or Harbour—Leaving without Clearance or during prohibited hours,	2	2
—Demanding more than legal fare,	11	14	—Lights—Neglecting to exhibit at night,	138	148
—Obstruction of Streets by,	133	323	—Master of—Neglecting to report on arrival,	9	6
—Refusing to accept hire when unemployed,	17	30	—Not having certificated Master, or Engineer or Coxswain,	9	9
—Refusing to complete journey,	2	2	—Passengers—Carrying, in excess,	42	40
—Refusing to pay fare of,	28	30	Steam Launch—Exhibiting side lights not fitted with inboard screens between sunset and sunrise,	1	1
—Stand—Taking up—unauthorised by C. S. P.,	23	144	—Neglecting to paint the number of Licence and passengers in the bow,	3	3
—Using, for conveyance of merchandise, or dead bodies of persons suffering from infectious diseases,	3	3	Steam Whistles—Unnecessarily blowing,	14	14
—Drivers of—Unlicensed	108	108	Telegraph Cables—Anchoring within the limits of area of,	5	6
Magistrate's Ordinance—3 of 1890,—			Wharves—Embarking passengers at prohibited,	3	5
Disorderly behaviour while drunk,	201	193	—Obstruction of, by boat people,	49	96
Drunkenness,	159	158	Morphine Ordinance—9 of 1893,—		
False Charge Preferring or wilfully giving false evidence,	8	10	Breach of,	4	4
Harbouring Chinese Married Women, (Ordinance 19 of 1903),	12	12	Naval Stores Ordinance—1 of 1875,—		
Insulting expression—Using, or behaving in an insulting manner before Magistrate,	12	12	Anchorage of Ships-of-War—Dredging or searching stores in,	8	17
Recognizances—Breach of,	121	138	Marine and Naval Stores—Dealers in, not keeping books according to schedule,	1	1
Malicious injuries to property Ordinance—6 of 1865,—			—Dealing in, without a licence,	3	4
Arson,	1	2	New Territories (Regulation) Ordinance—8 of 1899,—		
Injuries to property,	32	78	Burning Charcoal without a licence,	2	2
Injuries to trees or vegetable productions in Garden,	2	12	North Borneo Extradition Ordinance—1 of 1896,—		
Markets Ordinance—1 of 1903,—			Crimes under,	1	1
Articles of food for man—Exposing for sale, in a place other than a Public Market,	53	64	Nuisances Ordinance—1 of 1845,—		
Fish, etc.—Selling, in Markets, not being holders of stalls,	13	14	Chai Mui—Night noises, playing at the game known as,	92	128
Market—Bye-laws, Breach of—Neglecting to clean stalls &c., in,	3	3	Noises at night, making,	21	35
—Obstructing the avenue of,	10	10	Street cries by hawkers,	142	141
—Sleeping in,	3	4	Wheel barrows, allowing to squeak while in use,	17	28
Signboard—Failing to have—in front of lan,	1	1	Noises in harbour, making,	2	5
Unwholesome provisions—Exposing for sale, or bringing into the colony,	5	5	Offences against the person Ordinance—2 of 1865,—		
Merchandise Marks Ordinance—4 of 1890,—			Assault—Causing grievous bodily harm,	3	7
Breach of,	4	7	—Common,	711	976
Merchant Shipping Act, 1894,—			—Destructive Substance—Throwing with intent to do grievous bodily harm,	9	12
Seamen—Disobeying lawful orders of Masters in British Ship,	1	1	—Indecent,	2	1
Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance—10 of 1899,—			—With intent to rob, (Ordinance 5 of 1865),	2	2
Boarding Ship without permission,	24	61	—Unnatural Offence—Committing or attempting,	1	1
Boats—Beating drums or gongs during prohibited hours, or letting off fire-works	7	7	Child Stealing,	10	17
—Concealing the number of,	5	4	Cutting and wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm,	11	13
—Establishing on foreshore above low water mark or within the enclosures of Typhoon Refuge for a longer period than was absolutely necessary during stress of weather,	12	34	Gross Indecency,	2	3
—Making fast to ship under way,	29	52	Manslaughter,	10	14
—Mooring or lying within the limits of Men-of-War anchorage,	2	2	Murder,	11	22
—Mooring inshore between the hours of 9 o'clock at night and gun-fire in the morning,	59	154	Workman, &c.—Intimidating,	2	6
—Refusing to accept hire, or to take passengers,	5	9	Person—Detaining with intent to procure a ransom,	1	2
—Refusing or failing to show licences to Police,	22	55	Opium (Prepared) Ordinances—8 of 1891, & 10 of 1904,—		
—Refusing to stop or go alongside Wharf when called upon by Police,	9	15	Excise Officer—Assault on,	11	19
Boats, &c.—Unlicensed,	81	151	Prepared Opium—or compound of Opium, being in possession of, without having valid certificates,	3,140	3,057
Boat Licences—Breach of conditions of,	47	64	False Declaration of value on importation of Co. Opium—Making,	1	1
—Fishing Boat,	7	8	Opium Ordinance—9 of 1887,—		
Cargo-boat Licence—Breach of conditions of,	1	1	Breach of Law,	109	109
Fishing stakes—Failing to obtain licence,	5	18	Opium Divan Keeping, Breach of (Ordinance 8 of 1891),	3	3
Fairways—Obstructing,	52	118	Pawnbrokers Ordinance—1 of 1860,—		
Fishing or killing fish with Dynamite without permission,	8	27	Breach of, for not giving true accounts by applicant,	3	3
Goods unlawfully obtained—Throwing into water,	4	6	Pawnbrokers—Acting as, without a licence,	1	1
Intoxicating liquor introduced into Sailors' Home,	1	1	—Articles returned without payment of principal or interest (Magistrate's order),	1	1
Junk—Anchoring in prohibited place,	29	37	Piers and Wharves Ordinance—11 of 1899,—		
Misdescription of Dangerous Goods,	1	1	Wharves—Lying along end of,	1	1
Navigation—Breach of rules of,	2	2	Pier—Neglecting to exhibit a Green Light on,	6	6
Nuisances in Harbour,	34	49	Pilot Ordinance—3 of 1904,—		
Quarantine Regulations—Breach of,	1	1	Breach of Regulations,	1	1
Restrictions on carriage of Dangerous Goods,	1	1	Poison Ordinance—1 of 1903,—		
Seamen—Absenting from duty, from British or Foreign Ships,	9	19	Sale of,	1	1
—Desertion of, from British or Foreign Ships,	10	13	Police Force Consolidation Ordinance—11 of 1900,—		
—Disobeying lawful orders of Masters in British or Foreign Ships,	23	118	Police Constables—Misconduct as,	4	5
			—Designation of a,	5	6
<i>Carried forward</i> ,	7,087	10,752	Police Force Regulation Ordinance—11 of 1900—		
			Police Constables—Assault on, in execution of duty,	56	71
			<i>Carried forward</i> ,	11,787	15,847

LIST OF OFFENCES, ETC.,—Continued.

OFFENCES.	No. of Cases.	No. of Prisoners.	OFFENCES.	No. of Cases.	No. of Prisoners.
<i>Brought forward</i>	11,787	15,847	<i>Brought forward</i>	12,758	17,882
Police Force Regulation Ordinance—11 of 1900,— <i>Contd.</i> Police Constables—Obstructing or resisting, in the discharge of their duties,	10	11	Regulation of Chinese Ordinance—3 of 1888,— <i>Contd.</i> Chinese Theatre—Breach of Conditions of Licence for,	10	9
Post Office Ordinance—6 of 1900.— Letters, &c.—Stealing, forging stamps and other felonies,	1	1	Rogues and Vagabonds, 5th of Geo. IV. Chapter 83, s. 4,— Rogues and Vagabonds—As suspicious characters,	26	26
Postmaster General—Infringing privileges of,	10	11	" " —Being in possession of house-breaking implements,	5	5
Despatch of mails, Failure to comply with requirements of Ordinance,	2	2	" " —Found in dwelling house, &c. for an unlawful purpose,	49	52
Prevention of Crimes Ordinance—4 of 1887,— Offences under,	1	1	" " —Found in vacant house,	8	9
Private Vehicles Licensing Ordinance—5 of 1895,— Private Vehicles—Unlicensed,	20	22	" " —Wandering abroad and lodging in the open air,	104	119
" —Letting out for hire,	2	2	Star Ferry Company Ordinance—46 of 1902— Breach of Bye-laws,	2	3
Vehicle Regulation Ordinance—3 of 1899,— Carrying no lights between sunset and sunrise,	14	17	Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance—8 of 1896,— Breach of,	5	5
Causing damage by negligence or misbehaviour (section 6),	14	16	Servants Quarters Ordinance—11 of 1903,— Using without permission,	44	105
Drawing tracks in a prohibited thoroughfare,	34	40	Liquor Licence Ordinance—8 of 1898,— Chinese Restaurant—Breach of,	1	1
" " during prohibited hours,	2	2	Chinese Spirit Shop Regulations—Breach of,	2	2
Not keeping rule of the road,	3	5	Eating House—Unlicensed keeping of,	6	6
Public Assemblages (Regulation of Traffic) Ord. 2 of 1869,— Breach of Regulations,	6	6	" —Breach of,	11	11
Public Buildings, Gardens, &c.—Regulations for maintenance of good order and preservation of property in, (Ordinance 2 of 1870).— Public Gardens—Breach of Regulations for,	15	16	Intoxicating Liquors—Selling without licence,	4	4
Prison Ordinance—4 of 1899,— Breach of,	1	1	" —Distilling without licence,	2	2
Public Health Ordinance—1 of 1903,— Bakchouse Bye-laws—Breach of,	23	41	Public House—Permitting disorder in,	3	3
Cemetery—Com. se. neglecting to report to overseer of,	1	2	Ships (Prohibition of sale of Liquor) Ordinance—11 of 1886— Spiritous Liquors, Selling on board ship or approaching ship for the purpose of selling,	2	2
Common Lodging Houses—Unlicensed keeping of,	10	15	Stone Cutters' Island Ordinance—4 of 1889,— Fort—Entering,	1	3
Conservancy Contract—Breach of,	3	3	Stowaways Ordinance—5 of 1903.— Stowaways,	40	88
Dairy Bye-laws—Breach of,	5	5	" —Aiding and abetting,	3	9
Drain, &c.—Leaving open and unprotected,	3	3	The Small Tenements Recovery Ordinance—10 of 1897,— Refusing or neglecting to deliver over to owner possession of tenements,	3	6
Drain Regulations—Breach of,	2	2	The Tramways Ordinance—10 of 1902,— Offences under,	30	33
Laundries, Unregistered,	2	4	Placing stones on Tramway line,	5	5
" —Overcrowding,	14	44	The Triad and Unlawful Societies Ordinance—2 of 1887,— Contraventions of, and Offences under,	7	7
Magistrates' Order—Failing to comply with,	16	26	The Uniform Ordinance—4 of 1895.— Military Uniform—Wearing,	1	1
Night soil or noxious waters—Carrying, during prohibited hours, or depositing in the streets,	10	38	Vaccination Ordinance—2 of 1890,— Offences under,	7	72
" —In an uncovered bucket,	1	1	Vagrancy Ordinance—3 of 1897,— Vagrants,	52	64
Nuisances—Neglecting to abate, after notice served by the Sanitary Board,	109	123	" —Failing to return to House of Detention,	5	5
Offensive Trade Establishment—Breach of Bye-laws made under,	1	1	Water Works Ordinance—16 of 1903,— Water—Wasting,	17	20
Overcrowding—In tenement house,	235	519	Water Works—Breach of,	1	1
" —In Opium Divan,	13	24	Weights and Measures Ordinance—2 of 1885.— Breach of,	17	24
Uncleanly condition in Opium Divan,	4	4	Wild Birds and Game Ordinance—6 of 1885,— Birds and Game—Unlicensed shooting or taking of,	3	5
Pigs, &c.—Keeping, without licence,	8	16	Women and Girls' Protection Ordinance—4 of 1897,— Abduction of girls under the age of 16 years,	7	7
Pigwash—Carrying during prohibited hours,	17	25	Decoying woman or girls into or away from the Colony,	18	19
Plague and other infectious diseases—Neglecting to report cases of,	2	2	Detaining, harbouring, or receiving women or girls for the purpose of prostitution,	3	3
Prevention of the dissemination of plague by rats.— Breach of the Bye-laws,	3	3	Indecent assault upon any female,	5	5
Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance—7 of 1896.— Dead Bodies—Unlawful removal of,	13	17	Procurator of girls under 16 to have carnal connexion,	4	6
Death—Failing to report,	4	6	Purchasing, pledging, or selling women or girls for the purpose of prostitution,	5	7
" —Wilfully giving false information to Police concerning,	1	1	Detaining woman against her will with intent to marry or carnally know her,	1	1
Regulation of Chinese Burials, and Prevention of certain Nuisances Ordinance—1 of 1845.— Obeying calls of nature in the streets or in improper places,	49	49	Taking away woman with intent to cause her to be married or carnally known,	2	2
Roads and streets—Injury to,	3	6	Contagious Diseases—Permitting women, suffering from—to remain in brothels,	12	12
Shrubs, Trees—Cutting or destroying,	77	96	Brothels or Lodging House for Prostitutes—Closing of,	42	92
Trespass on Crown Land,	172	254	Undecided cases,	117	231
Regulation of Chinese People Ordinance—1 of 1845.— Mendicancy,	5	5			
Regulation of Chinese Ordinance—3 of 1888.— Bills—Posting, without permission from Registrar General,	3	4			
Drums and Gongs—Night noises by beating,	2	2			
Fire works—Discharging, without permits,	22	38			
Processions—Organising in the Public Street without a permit,	3	3			
<i>Carried forward</i>	12,758	17,388	TOTAL ,	13,450	18,475

Table IV.

ABSTRACT of CASES brought under COGNIZANCE of the POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURTS during a period of Ten Years, from 1st January, 1896, to 31st December, 1905, inclusive.

CASES, HOW DISPOSED OF, AND THE NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE PRISONERS UNDER EACH HEAD.																							
Years.	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES.	Convicted and Punished.		Discharged.		Committed for Trial at Supreme Court.		Committed to Prison or detained pending Order of His Excellency the Governor.		Ordered to find Security		Did not appear and absconded.	Escaped before being brought for trial at the Magistracy.			Punished for preferring False Charge or giving False Testimony.		Undecided.		Total Number of Defendants.			
		1	2 3		4 5		6 7		8 9		10 11		12	13 14 15			16 17		18 19		20 21		
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.			F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1896,...	17,767	16,659	797	1,371	203	62	21	1	1	232	72	...	...	...	...	28	5	115	1	18,468	1,100
1897,...	11,185	10,237	548	1,481	151	73	12	1	...	183	88	...	...	...	...	25	4	79	4	12,079	807
1898,...	13,341	12,663	834	1,196	93	65	3	2	...	209	43	1	...	...	...	25	8	142	4	14,304	985
1899,...	10,158	9,007	511	1,527	114	128	3	2	...	90	12	1	...	...	...	17	2	28	3	10,800	646
1900,...	14,081	13,149	501	2,416	235	131	5	11	1	211	20	1	...	...	1	13	3	77	8	15,932	764
Total...	66,332	61,715	3,191	7,991	796	459	44	17	2	923	235	3	...	...	1	108	22	441	20	71,583	4,302
Average per Year,	13,306.4	12,343	638.2	1,598.2	159.2	91.8	8.8	3.4	0.4	185	47	0.6	...	...	0.2	21.6	4.4	88.2	4	14,316.6	860.4
1901,...	14,531	13,689	536	2,129	147	121	2	6	...	287	25	...	...	...	...	2	...	105	16	16,339	728
1902,...	16,070	14,404	803	2,071	165	95	4	9	...	264	26	...	...	...	...	3	2	211	...	17,057	1,000
1903,...	14,268	12,906	553	2,104	167	164	9	8	2	211	21	...	...	...	...	9	...	266	22	15,668	774
1904,...	14,505	13,129	796	1,966	210	83	3	7	...	148	25	...	...	...	1	15	1	75	...	15,424	1,035
1905,...	13,450	14,512	912	2,097	226	95	2	19	1	312	68	...	...	...	...	6	4	224	7	17,255	1,220
Total...	72,824	68,640	3,600	10,367	915	548	20	49	3	1,222	165	...	...	...	1	35	7	881	47	81,743	4,737
Average per Year,	14,564.8	13,728	720	2,073.4	183	109.6	4	9.8	0.6	244.4	33	...	...	...	0.2	7	1.4	176.2	9.4	16,348.6	931.4
Grand Total for the 10 Years,	139,356	130,355	6,791	18,358	1,711	1,007	64	66	5	2,147	400	3	...	...	2	143	29	1,322	67	153,326	9,059
Average per Year,	13,935.6	13,035.5	679.1	1,835.8	171.1	100.7	6.4	6.6	0.5	214.7	40	0.3	...	...	0.2	14.3	2.9	132.2	6.7	15,332.6	905.9