

## Appendix G.

### REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, OFFICIAL TRUSTEE, OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR AND REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES FOR THE YEAR 1936.

#### SUPREME COURT.

##### ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

236 civil actions were instituted as against 353 in 1935.

The monetary claims amounted to \$8,115,962.95 as against \$2,530,454.40 in 1935.

The fees collected amounted to \$15,789.25 as against \$19,627.25 in 1935.

#### SUPREME COURT.

##### SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

1,753 actions were instituted as against 2,126 in 1935.

The monetary claims amounted to \$460,474.71 as against \$803,259.81 in 1935.

1,923 Distraints for Rent were issued representing unpaid rents amounting to \$325,095.64 as against 2,359 and \$422,557.18 respectively in 1935.

The fees collected amounted to \$25,390.25 as against \$31,382.50 in 1935.

#### SUITORS' FUNDS.

\$340,268.53 was paid into Court and \$328,844.29 was paid out.

#### CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

263 persons were committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions of whom 196 were convicted.

#### APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

##### (a) Criminal.

There were three appeals against conviction on indictment and 9 appeals against conviction by magistrates.

##### (b) Civil.

There were 6 appeals.

ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

Only 1 action was instituted.

The fees collected amounted to \$259.50 as against \$1,336.50 in 1935.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

387 grants (195 Probates and 192 Letters of Administration) were made by the Court.

69 grants by other British Courts were sealed, making a total of 456 grants compared with 426 in 1935.

Of the above number of Letters of Administration 4 grants were made to the Official Administrator, whose commission amounted to \$1,049.78 as against \$1,207.70 last year.

Court fees in respect of all grants amounted to \$28,186.90 as against \$26,828.40 last year.

DIVORCE JURISDICTION.

1 petition was filed resulting in the grant of a decree absolute.

The fees collected amounted to \$194.00 as against \$236.20 in 1935.

OFFICIAL TRUSTEE.

The number of trust estates in the hands of the Official Trustee at the end of the year was 17. The invested funds totalled \$122,578.04 and £1,850.0.0 producing an income of \$10,018.14. No new trust was opened.

The amount of commission collected was \$62.10 as against \$97.18 in 1935. Several are charitable trusts and therefore not liable for commission.

COMPANIES REGISTRY.

55 new companies were registered bringing the total number of companies on the Registers of this office, at the end of the year up to 909, of which 697 were locally incorporated. The remaining 212 were incorporated outside the Colony but carry on business within the Colony.

32 companies were removed from the Register by reason of the cessation of their business.

The fees collected from the above 909 companies amounted to \$16,801.50.

The fees collected for licences to companies to keep branch registers outside the Colony amounted to \$2,160.60.

The fees collected from the Registrar of Companies at Shanghai in respect of "China" companies amounted to \$170,966.01.

The grand total of all fees collected is \$189,928.11.

#### BILLS OF SALE.

38 Bills of Sale were registered during the year as against 54 in 1935.

#### REVENUE.

(FEES, COMMISSION, ETC.)

The total fees collected during the year amounted to \$299,595.71 as against \$359,495.09 in 1935.

#### PERSONNEL.

His Honour Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Puisne Judge, acted as Chief Justice from 1st January until 30th April, 1936, when he proceeded on leave. His Honour Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden, Acting Puisne Judge, acted as Chief Justice from 1st May until Sir A. D. A. MacGregor's return from leave on 19th June, 1936.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General was appointed a Puisne Judge from 19th May, and acted in that capacity until 19th June, 1936.

Mr. J. A. Fraser, M.C., acted as Puisne Judge from 30th September to 22nd October during the absence on casual leave of His Honour Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, Deputy Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Companies proceeded on leave on 19th March and Mr. E. Himsforth acted in his place from that date until 15th April, 1936.

Mr. J. P. Murphy acted as Deputy Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Companies from 17th April until 24th December, 1936, when Mr. L. R. Andrewes returned from leave.

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**Table I.**

Ten year comparative Table (1925-1936) showing the expenditure and revenue of the Supreme Court including the Companies' Registry.

Year.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
1925 .....	\$150,698.14	\$121,606.20
1926 .....	133,680.40	117,252.61
1927 .....	141,493.29	96,254.96
1928 .....	165,114.93	101,624.20
1929 .....	167,632.95	102,876.25
1930 .....	218,933.24	95,560.75
1931 .....	240,030.30	97,773.74
1932 .....	231,828.63	155,461.92
1933 .....	244,996.00	170,422.62
1934 .....	249,032.71	164,026.32
1935 .....	192,180.67	156,291.09
1936 .....	227,937.26	126,469.10

*Note:*—The fees in the Revenue column do not include the fees paid direct to the Treasury by companies in respect of Licences to keep Branch Registers outside the Colony nor do they include the fees paid by the Registrar of Companies at Shanghai to the Treasury in respect of "China" companies.

**Table II.**

Table of fees received in the Hong Kong Companies Registry 1931-1936.

Year.	Number of local companies on the Hong Kong register.	Number of new companies registered each year.	Amount of fees collected.
1931 .....	621	81	\$20,233.20
1932 .....	674	84	21,958.00
1933 .....	722	94	25,298.20
1934 .....	722	66	19,813.00
1935 .....	713	59	19,273.20
1936 .....	697	55	16,801.50