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## FRANCE.

### SAIGON.

*Consul Tremlett to the Earl of Rosebery.*

My Lord,

*Saigon, February 25, 1894.*

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship my Annual Report upon the Trade, Commerce, and Navigation of Saigon for the year 1893, with sundry remarks pertaining to other parts of the Colony of Indo-China.

I have, &c.

(Signed) C. F. TREMLETT.

*Report on the Trade, Commerce, and Navigation of Saigon for the Year 1893.*

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#### *Tonkin.*

The delta may be considered as being fairly under control, but, apart from that, the province is continually raided by so-called pirates. There are now at least three Frenchmen in captivity of whose fate the public knows nothing; they are no doubt being held for ransom.

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1. Monsieur Roty, an employé of railroad contractors, was captured on July 28, while in charge of a gang of coolies, by a band of some 40 strong, and carried off. This took place near Song-hoa.

2. Monsieur Bouyer was also captured at the same place on August 5, and carried off. A companion was wounded by a rifle-ball, but the miliciens in attendance prevented his capture. These two events are laid to the imprudence of the above-named employés, who declined an escort, though in the latter case there appears to have been one.

3. Monsieur FitzHumbert, a surveillant of the Government, was captured on October 10 at Sin-gam, not 40 miles from Hanoi, upon the line which is already running several regular daily trains, and a few hundred yards from a military post.

Lest it should be considered that I am inclined to exaggerate adversely the state of the country, the following extract from the "Courrier d'Haiphong" of October 15, 1893, is given:—

"Since two years, not a month, not a week has passed without reports of shots exchanged, gangs of 'pirates' broken up, engagements more or less bloody. The number of 'pirates' has certainly not diminished, and their audacity has increased. . . . The 'pirates' cannot be left eternally masters of that magnificent region."

### BUDGET of Haiphong.

#### RECEIPTS.

Description.	Amount.	
	Dollars.	Dollars.
<b>ORDINARY.</b>		
Impôt Foncier .. .. .		
" patentes .. .. .	10,500	
Head tax—	20,000	
Foreign Asiatics .. .. .		
Natives .. .. .	20,000	
Markets and slaughter-houses .. .. .	300	
Location .. .. .	10,500	
Cemetery .. .. .	2,800	
État Civil .. .. .	100	
Police, &c. .. .. .	2,310	
Recettes en atténuation .. .. .	7,550	
" divers .. .. .	3,000	
Reliquat des exercices antérieurs .. .. .	100	
	3,000	
		80,160
<b>EXTRAORDINARY.</b>		
Subvention de Protectorat pour éclairage électrique .. .. .		
Subvention de Protectorat pour éclairage électrique—roads .. .. .		6,000
		4,000
Total .. .. .		90,160

## EXPENSES.

Description.	Amount.	
	Dollars.	Dollars.
OBLIGATOIRES.		
Service de la Mairie .. .. .	1,230	
Allocations diverses .. .. .	3,330	
Perception .. .. .	1,000	
Réparations .. .. .	250	
Service de Santé Indigène .. .. .	1,400	
Police—		
Européen .. .. .	19,870	
Indigène .. .. .	3,580	
Matériel divers .. .. .	360	
Roads .. .. .	6,182	
Personnel Indigène .. .. .	2,952	
Matériel—mes. squares .. .. .	7,470	
Dispensaire .. .. .	590	
Cimetière .. .. .	574	
Eclairage .. .. .	20,000	
Travaux d'entretien .. .. .	1,000	
Annuités .. .. .	1,250	
Indemnités .. .. .	1,000	
Dépenses divers .. .. .	170	
Dégrèvements .. .. .	250	
3 pour cent sur Patentes revenant aux Chambres de Commerce .. .. .	450	
		72,908
FACULTATIVES.		
Frais de Fête 14 juillet .. .. .		1,000
" divers .. .. .		450
Gratifications pour Caisse de piastre .. .. .		1,000
Subvention Races .. .. .		500
" St. Enfance .. .. .		500
Imprévues .. .. .		3,802
Dépenses sur l'exercice clos .. .. .		10,000
<b>Total .. .. .</b>		<b>90,160</b>

The Hongay coal mines continue to send steady shipments of Charbon-coal to Hong-Kong, for the most part dust, which is made into nages. "briquettes."

The company of the Kebao has contented itself with con-Kebao mines, tracting with local navigation and industries.

A match factory and a paper factory have been opened Factories. during 1893 with good results; the latter utilise the bamboo partly.

### Annam.

The affairs of this kingdom have moved smoothly, and little has been heard from it.

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## FRANCE.

*Cambodia.*

There is nothing particular to remark. The revenue appears to be in a fairly sound condition. The town of Pnumpruh and its vicinity have been much improved by draining.

A canal, called Vinhote, is being cut from the Bassac to the Gulf of Siam, between Hatien and Chaudoc, of a breadth of 20 metres.

The budget has been taken over by Indo-China, and a sum of over 400,000 dol. (50,000*l.*) allowed to the royal treasury for the use of the King. The budget has been fixed at 1,413,500 dol. (177,000*l.*).

In direct foreign commerce this country cannot participate, having but one port (Kampot), which is not accessible to ships even of very light draft, so nearly all its exports pass through Saigon.

*Cochin-China.*

The season 1892-93 produced the largest grain crop ever known, and planters having had their own way as regards price, the market remained comparatively high throughout, say, at an average of 4*s.* 3*d.* for 20 per cent. cargo rice, f.o.b., per cwt., in gunnies, duty paid.

The grain of this colony is, as cannot be disputed, inferior to almost any other that can be named; it is mean in appearance, irregular, and would not be favoured except for its comparative cheapness at times. In France it enjoys the advantage of a lesser duty. The cause of this inferiority is not far to seek; it is principally due to the negligence of planters, who, knowing that the greater part of their harvest is almost certain to be exported to China, do nothing to improve its quality, not even by selecting grains for seed, which would be no difficult task.

Various essays have been made during a series of years to introduce Burmese grain for planting, but there always appears one or another reason why the trials prove unsatisfactory.

*Exports.*

The export of rice was 10,930,709 piculs, equal to 650,637 tons, an increase upon the export of 1892 of 1,845,009 piculs, or 109,822 tons, but to this should be added broken rice and rice flour, as actual outcomes of the crop, 763,976 piculs, bringing the total to 11,694,685 piculs, equal to 696,109 tons, and the increase over last year to 2,608,935 piculs, or 155,294 tons, as shown in the following tables:—

	Quantity.		Value.	
	Piculs.	Tons.	Currency.	Sterling.
White rice .. ..	2,710,441	161,335	Dollars. 5,732,600	£ 716,575
Cargo .. ..	5,298,258	315,372	8,874,600	1,109,325
Paddy .. ..	2,922,010	173,928	3,827,800	478,475
Farine and broken ..	763,976	45,474	382,000	47,750
Total .. ..	11,694,685	696,109	18,817,000	2,352,125

## STATEMENT of Rice Exports for 1893.

Countries.	Ports.	Quantity.	Total.
China.. ..	Hong-Kong .. ..	Piculs. 6,077,819	Piculs. 6,715,652
	Amoy .. ..	638,333	
Straits .. ..	Singapore .. ..	.. ..	1,312,870
Java .. ..	Soerabaya .. ..	689,907	715,883
	Samarang .. ..	23,000	
	Batavia .. ..	2,979	
Philippines .. ..	Manila .. ..	300,040	521,720
	Cebu .. ..	18,739	
	Iloilo .. ..	202,941	
Japan.. ..	Kobe .. ..	.. ..	50,520
Tonkin .. ..	Tourane .. ..	.. ..	108,513
France .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1,130,101
Europe .. ..	Port Said, f.o. ..	724,136	1,059,922
	Queenstown, f.o. ..	211,523	
	Continant .. ..	123,263	
Réunion .. ..	Port .. ..	.. ..	25,028
America .. ..	Rio de Janeiro ..	.. ..	55,473
	Total .. ..	.. ..	11,694,685

Regarding the crop now being harvested (season 1893-94), every confidence had been felt that it would be at least equal to that of the previous season, the weather having been exceptionally favourable in most, and these the principal provinces, but late floods in some parts and prematurely dry weather in others has brought the estimate down to 75 per cent. of the last crop, say 8,000,000 piculs, still an outturn quite up to an average one.

Export duty upon rice and paddy has been fixed as follows, to take effect from January 1, 1894:—

Increase of  
export duty.

Articles.	To—	Per 100 Kilos.
Rice and paddy.. ..	Foreign countries .. ..	Cents.
" .. ..	France and colonies .. ..	26
White rice .. ..	Philippines .. ..	17
		208

that is, about 16 c. and 10½ c. per picul, against the old rate of 15 c. and 10 c. per picul.

TABLE showing Quantity and Value of other Produce.

Produce.	Quantity.		Value.	
	Piculs.	Tons.	Currency.	Sterling.
Beans .. ..	15,254	908	Dollars.	£
Betel nut .. ..	12,410	748	46,000	5,750
Cardamoms .. ..	98	6	323,000	40,375
Cocoonut oil .. ..	88	5	4,400	550
Coprah .. ..	29,383	1,749	880	110
Cotton .. ..	66,221	3,942	162,000	20,250
Fish .. ..	291,968	17,380	397,000	49,625
Gamboge .. ..	1,395	842	1,752,000	219,000
Hides .. ..	9,008	537	91,000	11,375
Horns .. ..	1,864	111	135,000	16,875
Isinglass .. ..	305	18	45,000	5,625
Lard .. ..	5,498	327	12,000	1,500
Pigs (live) .. ..	7,205	429	71,000	8,875
Pepper .. ..	23,228	1,384	72,000	9,000
Salt .. ..	200,465	11,933	534,000	66,750
Silk .. ..	1,594	95	26,000	3,250
Wood .. ..	8,061	490	360,000	45,000
			17,000	2,125

Cotton.

With the exception of 200 piculs to Marseilles, the entire crop was shipped to China and Japan. The production increases yearly; it has nearly trebled since 1891. Export duty is 66 c. per 100 kilos. (1s. 2d. per cwt.).

Coprah.

Two-thirds of the produce went to Singapore and one-third to France, but a great part of the former was again transhipped to Europe.

Fish.

The bulk of the take went to Hong-Kong and Singapore, two-thirds to the latter port, as usual. Export duty is 1 dol. per 100 kilos. (1s. 9½d. per cwt.), and upon caviare 50 c. per 100 kilos. (10½d. per cwt.); half duty to France.

Horns.

One-half the export was to France.

Hides.

The greater part was shipped to London.

Pepper.

Nearly the entire crop was influenced to France by the partial protection from duty (one-half) allowed it. This favour has naturally led to increased cultivation, and the outturn is more than double that of 1891.

The ultimate destination  
and England.

All find their market in  
Hong-Kong is the principal  
request for cabinet-making  
The production has trebled

Exchange has fallen  
and while the continued  
ways, and depressed value  
export.

Rates have ruled as

Description	Value
London Bank Bills	5,750
Private Bills	40,375
Hong-Kong Bank Bills	550
Private Bills	110
Singapore Bank Bills	20,250
Private Bills	49,625
Manila Private Bills	219,000
Japan Private Bills	11,375
Java Private Bills	16,875

The official dollar

The number of  
during the year  
added, as usual,  
Messageries Maritimes  
the Bangkok boats  
of French tonnage  
pertaining to the  
tonnage to 574  
The British  
proportion to the  
The average  
total tonnage

The ultimate destinations of all shipments were to France silk and England.

All find their market in Singapore.

Hong-Kong is the principal market, where it is in much request for cabinet-making. Pigs (live). Wood.

The production has trebled within three years.

Salt.

### Exchange.

Exchange has followed the same course here as elsewhere, and while the continued decline has hampered business in various ways, and depressed values generally, it has at least facilitated export.

Rates have ruled as under:—

Description.	Usance.	From—	To—
London Bank Bills ..	Demand	2s. 9d.	2s. 3½d.
Private Bills.. ..	3 months' sight	2s. 10½d.	2s. 4½d.
Hong-Kong Bank Bills	Demand	Par	1½% discount
Private Bills.. ..	15 days' sight	2½% discount	3½% discount
Singapore Bank Bills ..	Demand	Par	¼% discount
Private Bills.. ..	30 days' sight	1½% discount	1½% discount
Manila Private Bills ..	30 days' sight	8% premium	3% premium
Japan Private Bills ..	30 days' sight	2½% discount	3% discount
Java Private Bills ..	30 days' sight	172 florins	148 florins

The official dollar rates closed at 3 fr. 15 c.

### BULLION.

					Amount.
Coin imports	..	..	..	..	Dollars.
„ exports	..	..	..	..	1,956,980
					34,200

### Shipping and Navigation.

The number of vessels of all nations which cleared from Saigon during the year 1893 was 437, of 476,113 tons; to these are added, as usual, for the sake of reference, the steamers of the Messageries Maritimes, those of the Compagnie Nationale, and the Bangkok boat, which augment very considerably the amount of French tonnage, while not exclusively nor in any great degree pertaining to the commerce of this port; these bring the total tonnage to 574 vessels, of 685,524 tons.

The British flag accounts for 166 vessels, of 206,284 tons, a proportion to the total tonnage of seven-sixteenths.

The average tonnage of British vessels was 1,244, that of the total tonnage 1,089 tons.

## STATEMENT of British Shipping Entered.

Class.	Number of Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.
Steam.. .. .	158	192,576	5,748
Sail .. .. .	8	13,708	195
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>206,284</b>	<b>5,943</b>

## CLASSED according to Nationalities.

Nationality.	Steam.		Sailing.		Total.	
	Number of Vessels.	Tons.	Number of Vessels.	Tons.	Number of Vessels.	Tons.
American .. .. .	...	...	3	3,693	3	3,693
Austrian .. .. .	3	5,287	...	...	3	5,287
British .. .. .	158	192,576	8	13,708	166	206,284
Dutch .. .. .	15	16,323	3	4,550	18	20,873
French .. .. .	...	...	5	4,511	5	4,511
German .. .. .	210	203,255	1	1,400	211	204,655
Italian .. .. .	4	1,584	2	2,229	6	3,793
Japanese .. .. .	3	5,531	...	...	3	5,531
Norwegian .. .. .	15	17,271	...	...	15	17,271
Spanish .. .. .	7	4,215	...	...	7	4,215
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>446,022</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30,091</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>476,113</b>
Messageries Mari- times .. .. .	108	155,644	...	...	108	155,644
Compagnie Na- tionale .. .. .	21	50,158	...	...	21	50,158
Bangkok boat .. .. .	8	2,520	...	...	8	2,520
<b>Grand total .. .. .</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>658,433</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30,091</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>688,524</b>

Rates of freight ruled as under :—

Country.	Per Picul.	
	From—	To—
Singapore .. .. .	Cents. 6	Cents. 15
Hong-Kong .. .. .	6	16
Philippines .. .. .	18	25
Amoy .. .. .	16	20
Swatow .. .. .	15	20
Tourane .. .. .	18	22
Java .. .. .	17	22

Coral bank.

Its removal has been found more difficult than was anticipated and the work is still going on; it is hoped, however, that the obstruction will be entirely cleared away by May, 1894.

Tonnage dues.

By a decree of March 10, 1893, vessels are to be exempt as follows:—

1. All vessels loaded with petroleum.

2. All vessels or lines making regular trips. A quarterly voyage may be considered regular; otherwise the tax is unaltered, but a discount of one-fifteenth is allowed for the benefit of the Chamber of Commerce.

Some buoys have been placed in position, but they are not of the ordinary anchorage, the berths being popular either with ships or pilots. Bank moorings.

### Imports.

The statistics will be obtainable for some months to come, may be noted:—

Country.	Coals.	
	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	£
French .. .. .	2,789	4,600
Foreign .. .. .	3,998	6,700
Annam .. .. .	585	500
Tonkin .. .. .	289	200

13,000 tons of petrol, value 74,367*l*.

Petrol.

It is stated that 40,000 tons were imported of a value of Cement something like 16,500*l*.

For the sake of comparison is appended a statement of the commerce of Indo-China for 1892:—

Country.	Importation.	Exportation.	Total.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Cochin-China and Cambodge..	35,546,828	80,706,856	116,253,684
Tonkin .. .. .	28,432,772	10,851,036	39,283,798
Annam .. .. .	4,671,473	3,513,688	8,185,166
Total .. .. .	68,650,878	95,071,570	163,722,448

NOTE.—These figures are taken from the printed report; they do not total quite exactly.

### General.

Foreign officers, 13 fr. per diem.

Hospital fees.

Foreign seamen, 9½ fr. per diem.

These are very high charges indeed, 50 per cent. higher for French patients of the same class. I addressed the Chamber of Commerce upon the subject, pointing out that in the hospitals of Hong-Kong and Singapore no distinction was made as regards charges, but no reply has as yet been received.

It has been decided that none shall, for 1894, be levied upon Patentes. French, foreign, or Annamite merchants.

- Chinese, however, are not relieved from this tax.
- Some important arrests were made towards the end of the year of 12 leading Chinese, charged with bribery, and of sundry police, high officials amongst them, for receiving; since, all the Chinese but one have been released on bail, and it will probably be found undesirable to investigate this matter thoroughly.
- The distillation of spirit from rice and otherwise is now free, subject to sundry regulations and to a deposit of 100*l.*
- There has been established, but not yet opened, custom-house storage for goods in bond; private individuals can also open these warehouses under guarantee of from 20,000 fr. to 100,000 fr.; the store rent is fixed at 1 fr. per quarter for 1 metre cube or ton of 1,000 kilos.
- The price fixed for the sale of opium is 94½ fr. per kilo., payable at the rate of the day.
- The impôt upon rice fields, and land under cultivation generally, has been increased 10 per cent.
- The question of a stamp duty upon commercial and legal documents has again been mooted, but deferred until the March session.
- Arrivals of foreign Asiatics, 23,550.
- Sorties of foreign Asiatics, 11,206.
- The question of a railway from Saigon to Khone provoked a lively discussion in the Colonial Council, of which the upshot was that the Colony would engage itself to pay 500,000 fr. per annum provided that the Home Government pays the balance, *i.e.*, seven-eighths of the cost.
- The Saigon-Mytho railway is always in evidence; it cost, although constructed along a great highway, over 200,000 fr. per kilometre (crossing two rivers), or about 15,000,000 fr. altogether; it has now been in existence some seven years, but has rendered no real service to trade.
- The proposed railway would be of the following length:—

		Length.	
		Kiloms.	
From Saigon	to Bencat	.. ..	54
	Bencat	.. ..	32
	Chontauh	.. ..	38
	Caulé	.. ..	70
	Somrang	.. ..	148
	Stung Treng	.. ..	68
	Khone	.. ..	
Total	.. ..	.. ..	410

- Sanatorium. The Sanatorium at Cape St. James has been now in operation for some months, and has no doubt rendered real service to the officials of the Colony; it is criticised of course by the malcontents who expect to find a first-class hotel in an hospital, and all the luxuries of Paris at Cap St. Jacques; it is not

benefits to be derived from this institution are many and constant convalescents avail themselves of it, and it is difficult to see recovery is less interesting or desirable. Chinese clubs in Saigon and Cholon have been being gambling houses, and their guarantees of the Treasury.

*Impôt Foncier.*

Taxes and duties.

is divided into four zones:—

	Per Hectare.	Per 2½ Acres.
The 1st pays .. .. .	Dol. 375	£ 60
2nd „ .. .. .	167	28
3rd „ .. .. .	63	10
4th „ .. .. .	50	8

*Environs.*

	Per Hectare.
Land with European buildings .. .. .	Dol. 25
Other land .. .. .	2½

*Interior.*

Land is taxed variously, the series is long, from (as above) 25 dol., to third quality of rice field, 20 c. per hectare.

Salines, 4 dol. to 2 dol. per hectare.

Plantations of indigo and cotton are exempt.

Head tax, Annamite, 40 c.

Native boats, 11 dol. 30 c. to 60 c. according to capacity.

Native sea-going vessels, 2 dol. 81 c. to 4 dol. 68 c. per metre beam.

Patentes.—There are eight classes of patentes, from 400 dol. to 80 c., plus 1½ per cent. for the benefit of the Chamber of Commerce.

Head Tax.—Foreign Asiatics, 80 dol., 30 dol., 7 dol. Passports, 2 dol. 50 c.

Cattle, 1 dol. per head export duty.

Swine, 75 c. per head export duty.

Wood, 100 fr. to 5 fr. per metre cube.

Telephones, 50 dol. per annum.

New waterworks have been voted.

Municipality of Saigon.

## FRANCE.

The question of electric lighting has been mooted, but does not find great favour; it is thought preferable to increase the number of lamps under the present system, and substitute an improved burner.

New Buildings.—Votes have been passed for:—

Description.						Amount.
Theatre	..	..	..	..	..	Fr.
City Hall	..	..	..	..	..	800,000
Markets	..	..	..	..	..	600,000
						400,000

Military  
(550,000 dol.  
approximate).

Posts and  
telegraphs  
(675,000 dol.  
approximate).

The political situation as concerned Siam forced the administration to increase the number of native troops, against the views of the Colonial Council. The camp of the Tirailleurs which had been transferred, for reasons of convenience, from the old encampment, about midway between Saigon and Cholon, to an open space approximate to European barracks, was again transferred to its ancient premises, for sanitary reasons.

The services of the post office and telegraphs has been installed definitely in its new building; it is certainly a magnificent construction, and consequent upon improved facilities the service leaves nothing to be desired, except the sorting of the mails between Singapore and this port. The lapse of time between the arrival and delivery of the mails could be reduced at least one half, it is now some 3 hours or more.

The length of wire and cable in the colony is now 3,135 miles.

## BUDGET for 1894.

## RECEIPTS.

Description.	Amount.		Dol.	c.
	Dol.	c.		
Sales of land and concessions .. ..	15,682	0		
Permits to cut timber, &c. .. ..	67,157	78		
Reserves indirectes (réservé) .. ..	85,000	0		
Post office and telegraph .. ..	73,546	6		
Salut's fees and seizures .. ..	1,376	76		
Permission to carry firearms .. ..	12,717	0		
Passports .. ..	2,060	28		
Duplicate papers, native vessels .. ..	2,940	70		
" " foreign Asiatics .. ..	2,060	0		
Jail work .. ..	3,493	74		
Interest and redemptions .. ..	3,000	0		
Advertisement in Government papers .. ..	20,000	0		
Overplus (?) .. ..	800	0		
Verification of weights .. ..	2,000	0		
Repayment from Cholon for services .. ..	18,752	88		
" " Saigon loan .. ..	8,954	64		
Divers receipts .. ..	27,500	0		
Cambodge contribution, Mess. Fluviales, &c. .. ..	25,000	0		
Railroad Saigon to Mytho payment .. ..	2,800	0		
Repayment from Protectorate for prisoners .. ..	4,000	0		
" " railroad (advance) .. ..				
Le-van-nheim, Debtor (réservé) .. ..	1,395	35		
Products of the "Garden" .. ..				
Saigon share of expenses, College Ch. .. ..	8,100	0		
Laubat .. ..				
Saigon share of scholarships, College Ch. .. ..	4,650	0		
Laubat .. ..	1,000	0		
Payments from native scholars .. ..				
" " Cambodge, Post and Tele- .. ..	4,520	0		
graph a/c .. ..	7,500	0		
Payments at Sanatorium at Cape St. James .. ..	2,333	33		
" " from Aud. of Gocong (advance) .. ..				
<b>RESSOURCES EXTRAORDINAIRES.</b>				
	Dol.	c.		
Balance from 1892 (réservée) .. ..				
1893 .. ..	400,000	0		
Due by Cambodge a/c Mess. .. ..				
Fluviales .. ..	29,166	66		
Due by Tonkin .. ..	260,000	0		
Sundries .. ..	14,020	0		
	703,186	66		
			1,111,617	18
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS INDIRECTES.</b>				
Impôt Foncier des Centres .. ..	34,795	73		
" " Salines .. ..	8,650	57		
" " Rice fields, 1st class .. ..	399,022	0		
" " " 2nd " .. ..	110,534	04		
" " " 3rd " .. ..	35,132	53		
" " Sundry " culture, 1st .. ..	165,602	90		
class .. ..				

## FRANCE.

## RECEIPTS—continued.

Description.	Amount.		Dol.	c.
	Dol.	c.		
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS INDIRECTES—continued.</b>				
Impôt Foncier, sundry culture, 2nd class..	68,212	27		
Impôt Foncier, sundry culture, 3rd class..	11,782	3		
Natives, head tax	206,156	0		
" boats..	76,283	46		
Patentes	169,757	79		
Foreign Asiatics head tax	482,720	0		
Registration and mortgages..	90,000	0		
Tonnage dues..	70,000	0		
Fisheries and ferries..	64,415	14		
Mont de Piété	20,000	0		
Opium..	3,196,000	0		
Spirits..	636,000	0		
Export duty on rice and paddy	1,460,000	0		
Import duty on spirits	30,000	0		
Export duty on cattle	11,000	0		
Storage petrol	30,000	0		
Fines and confiscations	3,000	0		
Accessory	1,484,576	40		
Import duty	200,000	0		
Other export duties..				
			1,763,629	32
			7,824,991	54

NOTE.—The budget is put at 10,000,000 dol. approximately (1,250,000L.).

## FRANCE.

## EXPENSES—continued.

Description.	Amount.		Dol.	c.
	Dol.	c.		
OBLIGATORY—continued.				
Chapter IV.—Administration of Arrondissement—continued.	45,279	70		
Salaries of 19 accountants .. .. .	46,250	0		
" 28 Garde Forestiers .. .. .	241,461	59		
" native functionaries .. .. .	692,913	16		
	63,000	0		
Less congés .. .. .	629,913	16		
	19,866	86		
Dépenses facultatives additional .. .. .			679,780	2
Chapter V.—Military, native—	20,925	0		
Etat Major .. .. .	61,959	87		
Company officers .. .. .	1,890	0		
" native (4 sous-lieutenants)	2,841	61		
Office expenses, &c. .. .. .	5,400	0		
Allowance to officers for Oriental tongues..	7,155	35		
Mounts for officers .. .. .	2,412	67		
25 per cent. .. .. .				
3 European armorers, 2 sergeant majors,	1,899	1		
5 sergeants, 5 corporals .. .. .				
Sous-officers, 8 adjutants, 12 sergeant	22,639	83		
majors, 108 sergeants .. .. .	16,893	8		
Complementary, 33 per cent. .. .. .				
Natives—68 sergeants, 148 corporals, 24	179,813	50		
buglers, 2,160 tirailleurs .. .. .	33,986	74		
Indemnities, &c., for food to Europeans ..	6,000	0		
Prizes for sous-officers for Oriental	6,300	0		
languages .. .. .	22,705	79		
Uniforms .. .. .	9,451	44		
Extra maintenance .. .. .	11,345	39		
" for long service, Europeans .. .. .	2,937	50		
" " natives .. .. .	2,500	0		
" for re-enlistment, natives .. .. .	7,508	74		
" Europeans .. .. .	15,687	22		
Gratifications .. .. .	6,368	63		
25 per cent. .. .. .	18,566	40		
Indemnities, &c., for superior officers ..	29,338	99		
Pensions .. .. .				
Complementary .. .. .				
(Deduct about 10,000 dol. for incompletes)	490,513	45		
Camps and barracks .. .. .	8,907	81		
Equipment and ammunition .. .. .	25,871	14		
Supplements .. .. .	40,408	50		
Sundries .. .. .	2,134	56		
			549,460	17
Chapter VI.—Justice—				
Salaries of Procureur-General, Avocat-				
General, secretaries, judges, interpreters,				
native functionaries, office expenses, and				
courts .. .. .			397,643	77
Chapter VII.—Education—				
Salaries of professors, lodging allowances				
(incomplete) .. .. .			326,166	97

## EXPENSES—continued.

Description.	Amount.	
	Dol.	c.
<b>OBLIGATORY—continued.</b>		
Chapter VII.—continued.		
Land registry—		
Salaries of surveyors, designers .. .. .		97,024 50
Chapter VIII.—Treasury—		
Salaries .. .. .		93,973 51
Chapter IX.—Post office and telegraph—		
Salaries and expenses .. .. .		674,231 38
Chapter X.—Registration—		
Salaries, &c. .. .. .		33,168 7
Chapter XI.—Prison—		
Salaries of guardians, &c. .. .. .		113,260 8
Chapter XII.—Hospitals—		
Salaries and expenses .. .. .		99,318 68
Chapter XIII.—Ports and harbours—		
Salaries .. .. .		13,352 40
Chapter XIV.—Printing—		
Salaries and material .. .. .		53,152 10
Chapter XV.—Commerce, agriculture, industries—		
Salaries, encouragements, 27,000 dol.; theatre, 55,000 dol. .. .. .		60,505 7
Chapter XVI.—Public works—		
Salaries .. .. .	166,579	95
Office expenses, &c. .. .. .	19,000	0
Ordinary up-keep of—		
Public buildings .. .. .	25,000	0
Roads, canals, &c., Saigon and vicinity..	50,000	0
Lighthouses .. .. .	8,000	0
Guarantee and work railroad, Saigon-Mytho .. .. .	148,995	19
Routes navigable—		
Dredging .. .. .	310,000	0
Customs expenses.. .. .	60,000	0
Port of Saigon—		
New signal staff .. .. .	8,000	0
Facing river bank, &c. .. .. .	11,000	0
Roads—		
Saigon to Gia-dinh .. .. .	16,200	0
"    Cholon .. .. .	34,000	0
"    Mytho .. .. .	10,000	0
"    Vinhlong .. .. .	8,650	0
"    Bienhoa.. .. .	26,000	0
"    Thudamot .. .. .	8,500	0
Cape St. James .. .. .	10,000	0
Public buildings—		
Repairs, Government House .. .. .	21,100	0
"    arrondissements .. .. .	15,500	0
"    military lodgings .. .. .	16,000	0
"    courts and lodgings .. .. .	51,500	0
"    sundries .. .. .	2,000	0
"    prison .. .. .	10,750	0
"    travaux publics .. .. .	6,000	0
"    custom-house and new go-down ..	30,220	0
"    imprévus .. .. .	25,000	0
Subvention to arrondissement for work done on roads, &c... .. .	92,000	0
Route, Kratre to Stung-treng .. .. .	42,000	0
		1,231,995 14

## EXPENSES—continued.

Description.	Amount.			
	Dol.	c.	Dol.	c.
OBLIGATORY—continued.				
Chapter XVII.—Customs—				
Salaries .. .. .	443,758	0		
Office expenses .. .. .	1,825	0		
Indemnities, carriage, food, responsibility	11,907	0		
Employees' share of fines and confiscation	24,000	0		
Court expenses .. .. .	1,500	0		
Sundry supplements.. .. .	1,926	90		
Indemnities to interpreters, "senneurs" ..	9,648	10		
Salaries and wages, native employees ..	55,414	22		
Indemnity of 8 per cent. complementary ..	35,565	40		
Lighting, arms, launches, transport ..	26,655	25		
Printing .. .. .	10,000	0		
Rents, &c. .. .. .	5,280	0		
New construction and purchases of build- ings, &c. .. .. .	36,600	0		
Purchase of opium, 2,700 cases .. .. .	1,620,000	0		
Transport of opium .. .. .	18,506	0		
Cost of manufacture .. .. .	48,000	0		
Weighing, packing, wages, &c. .. .. .	128,000	0		
Secret service, informers .. .. .	7,000	0		
			2,486,005	91
Chapter XVII.—bis. Customs—Cambodge—				
Salaries, Europeans .. .. .	76,645	30		
" natives .. .. .	21,568	90		
Indemnities and supplements .. .. .	19,511	70		
Medical and passages .. .. .	3,000	0		
Lighting, printing, transport, repairs, &c. .	10,758	0		
Informers .. .. .	1,000	0		
Payment to Royal Treasury, 7½ per cent. on 5,900,000 dol. .. .. .	427,750	0		
			560,233	90
Chapter XVIII.—Sundries—				
Passages, &c. .. .. .	60,000	0		
Medical, &c. .. .. .	35,000	0		
Imprévu .. .. .	21,250	0		
Police de Sûreté .. .. .	3,427	50		
Gratifications.. .. .	9,312	50		
Expenses of deputy.. .. .	1,500	0		
Matériel, &c. .. .. .	41,040	0		
Restitution .. .. .	30,000	0		
Imprévu .. .. .	40,000	0		
Sundry contributions to Saigon, Cholon, Colonial School, &c. .. .. .	97,381	50		
Diplomatic presents and receptions ..	3,000	0		
Telegraphic messages .. .. .	8,000	0		
" " to and from Deputy..	5,231	50		
" " by Pres. Cons. Col. .	800	0		
Public festivals .. .. .	8,671	25		
Relief .. .. .	21,800	0		
New papers .. .. .	1,250	0		
Books and binding .. .. .	14,000	0		
Subvention to Saigon .. .. .	100,000	0		
			501,654	25
Chapter XIX.—Extraordinary—				
Contingent service, colonial .. .. .	1,559,425	0		
" invalides.. .. .	95,760	0		
Exchange .. .. .	30,000	0		
Assistance .. .. .	15,000	0		
			1,700,185	0