

## HONG KONG

The Island of Hong Kong, which gives its name to the British Crown Colony in South China, was ceded to Great Britain by the Chinese Government January 28th, 1841. It is about 11 miles long and from 2 to 5 miles, broad and about 32 square miles in area.

Across the harbour from the Island is the dependency of Kowloon and the New Territory; the former covering about 2 square miles, was ceded to Great Britain in 1860, and the latter, about 376 square miles, was leased for 99 years in 1898.

At the time of the cession, in January, 1841, the population of Hong Kong was about 5,000 ashore and afloat: chiefly stonecutters and smugglers and vagabonds. By March, 1842, the number had increased to at least 20,000, many of them fugitives from justice in their own countries. In 1906 the population of the Colony was 319,803, of whom 96 per cent. were Chinese. Five years later 451,135 were returned, and of these 97 per cent. were Chinese. The latest census gives the population of Hong Kong, the New Territories and Kowloon as 842,069, including 410,921 living on the island and 75,250 on the water. The non-Chinese population of 28,322, or 3.3 per cent., consisted of 32 nationalities. There were 6,684 British subjects of European race and 5,256 other Europeans and Americans.

The harbour of Hong Kong is one of the finest and most beautiful in the World, having an area of 10 square miles and with its diversified scenery and varied shipping, presents an animated spectacle. It consists of the sheet of water between the Island and the mainland and is enclosed on all sides by lofty hills formerly destitute of foliage but now becoming clothed, especially on the Island, with young forests, the result of afforestation by the Government.

The City of Victoria is magnificently situated. Seen from the water at night when lights twinkle among the trees, the city spreading along the shore for upwards of four miles, affords a sight not readily forgotten.

**See last page for Regular Tender Service between  
Ship and Shore.**

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**STANDARD EXCURSION No. 20**

Members will be divided into Two Groups:—

Party "A" (Red Card).

Party "B" (White Card).

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**DETAILED PROGRAMME.—PARTY "A."  
(RED CARD).**

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**Saturday, March 17th.**

The "Empress of Britain" is expected to Anchor  
8.00 a.m. midstream.

Morning of arrival free.

**8.30 a.m.**

Special Star Ferry to Hong Kong.

See last page for additional Tender Service between  
ship and shore.

**12.40 p.m.**

Special Star Ferry from Hong Kong to "Empress of  
Britain."

Lunch on board "Empress of Britain."

**2.20 p.m.**

Leave "Empress of Britain" special Star Ferry for  
Hong Kong.

Motor cars will be waiting for trip around the Island  
via Causeway Bay, Shau-ki-wan and Tytam Reservoir to  
Repulse Bay Hotel.

**3.15 p.m.**

Tea at Repulse Bay Hotel.

**4.15 p.m.**

Continue ride around the Island via Deep Water Bay,  
Aberdeen, Pokfulum, the University, Government House,  
Botanical Gardens, Garden Road to pier.

**5.40 p.m.**

Special Star Ferry leaves for "Empress of Britain."