

RECORDS OF THE JOURNEY

No. 1	NE	of the town	contains	7	villages	with	790	tja	6500	tan	grain	annual	yield
» 2	E	»	»	»	»	»	5	»	875	»	10000	»	»
» 3	N	»	»	»	»	»	9	»	1136	»	9870	»	»
» 4	W	»	»	»	»	»	8	»	1056	»	11800	»	»
» 5	NW	»	»	»	»	»	9	»	1157	»	11540	»	»
» 6	S	»	»	»	»	»	6	»	1006	»	9250	»	»
» 7	SSE	»	»	»	»	»	6	»	8420	»	8420	»	»

about 6860 tja 67180 tan

An annual tax of 5386 tan is levied.

Wheat, millet, tchumiza, peas and opium are grown. The crop is 8 fold, except in the 4 southern districts (6, 7 8 and 9), where tchinkho is also grown and the crop does not exceed 5—8 fold. The livestock may be estimated at 2—300 sheep, 2—3 horses and 4—5 oxen among the wealthier tja and 1—2 oxen and 1 donkey among the poorer ones. In the northern districts about 50 % of the population can be included in the category of the richer tja, in the southern districts, situated close to the mountains, only about 30 %. This estimate is, of course, exceedingly approximate. — As regards mineral wealth, the coal from the neighbourhood of Li Yuan (belonging to the Fu-yeh district) should be mentioned. — The town of Fu-yeh with its suburbs contains 70—80 tja and 80 small shops. — 1 shubei with 2 officers and 30—35 men of the »tchy ping» militia are quartered there as a garrison.

Roughly 1 1/3 of a mile from the town there are sand dunes in a SW—NE direction, 1/3 of a mile beyond again tilled fields and very sparse trees. Our surroundings had long since lost the fertile and well-tended appearance of the environs of Kao-tai. The houses were rare and looked neglected and there were frequent untilled stretches between the fields. The ground was low-lying and often covered with patches of ice. 4 miles from the town we passed a fairly large village. The road had taken a S and SSE course so far, but now led E for some time. 1 1/3 of a mile further on we came to a flooded meadow on the right, about 2 miles square. We crossed 2 small rivers, 1 1/2 and 2 fathoms wide. 15 miles from Fu-yeh we reached our destination, Sha-ho-Kou, a large village of 120 houses and 3 sarais and about 40 shops. A detachment of 10 men with a tindjy of the Li Yuan in were quartered there. Arbah roads lead from Sha-ho-Kou direct to Kao-tai (past Fu i) and to Ning shui (and thence probably to Suchow and possibly further east). This road is used for conveying salt from Jantche, when the highway is under water owing to the flooding of the rice fields.

The pheasants, of which there are many in the vicinity of Kao-tai, had detained me for 3 hours and night had fallen long before we reached the sarai at Sha-ho-Kou after riding 30 miles.

Immediately to the E of the village we crossed a river of the same name, flowing in a N direction. The road took us in a slightly slanting direction over the bed, about 1/3 of a mile wide, in which there was only a little water. About 1/3 of a mile further on we

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Kanchow.