

# RECORDS OF THE JOURNEY

position on the Hwang ho at a place where three big roads meet (Si-an-fu, Tai-yuan-fu and Chen-chow-fu). The river can be crossed, however, at many other places. Higher upstream there are ferries at the following places (distances reckoned from Tung Kwang): Ta ching kuan 80 li; Lei tsun 100 li; Han cheng 200 li; Chih chuan 220—230 li; Chai ku 250 li; Bautö chu (?) li and probably in several other places. Tung Kwang is one of the places where the width of the road and with it the length of the wheel-axle changes. It is given in Chinese measurements as follows: W of Suchow 60 versh. (Chinese); Lanchow—Suchow 55; Tung Kwang — Lanchow 47—48; E of Tung Kwang in Shansi 47—48, but after 9 stations 50; in Honan 38 vershoks. — The commercial importance of Tung Kwang, however, is greater in the Customs conditions at present in force, as it stands on the boundary of three provinces and has a large likin station. The quantities of goods that pass through annually are stated to be as follows:

	1908	
	per year	Jan.—April
to the East:		
Tobacco for hookahs to Shansi and Chihli .....	90,000 tan	33,500 tan
» » » » Honan and Shantung .....	70,000 »	12,000 »
Opium .....	2,400 »	240 »
Cotton to Honan .....	30,000 »	
Medicinal herbs to Shansi and Chihli .....		34,000 »
» » » Honan and Shantung .....		7,000 »
Paper, tea etc. to Honan and Shantung .....		4,000 »
to the West:		
Silk from Hupeh and Honan .....	80,000 tan	5,000 tan
Cotton cloth from Shantung and Honan .....	150,000 »	61,000 »
» (print) from England, Germany, America and France	140,000 »	30,000 »
» » etc. from Japan (only last year) .....	70,000 »	6,000 »
Sundries from Nan-yang, Kwantung and Kwangsi .....	130,000 »	
» » Chihli .....	100,000 »	6,000 »
» » the south .....	80,000 »	
Sugar from Honan and Hupeh .....		4,000 »

This list is, of course, incomplete and defective. The local trade of Tung Kwang does not seem to be large. Coal and salt are supplied to it from Shansi. — The population is said to amount to about 1,500 tja. — The fortress can scarcely be 2/3 of a mile in length.

Immediately to the E of the town we crossed a small river flowing from the S, probably a branch of the river that flows through the town. Almost immediately afterwards the road leads in among hills of löss that rise, high and steep, on both sides of the road. We were able to convince ourselves by a glance that the Hwang ho had again become considerably broader and that the hills close to the town were of picturesque shape. Soon we passed the gate of the outer wall that enclosed part of the hills, but the sunken road continued for about 18 li, when we reached the Hwang ho once more. The hills retreated slightly

May 20th.

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