



A wall map illustrating the commerce of China

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Philip's Commercial Map of China. Edited by the Late Sir Alexander Hosie, M.A., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.

London: George Philip for the London Geographical Institute, c.1930. Chromolithograph on two sheets conjoined, total 1600 x 1550mm, laid on silk-edged canvas, with contemporary brass roller at top, wooden baton at bottom, each with a tassel.

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A huge map of China with an extensive keys of animal, vegetable and mineral products and manufactures. Around China parts of Inner Mongolia, Manchuria, Tibet and French Indo-China are shown. Three insets show Sinkiang (Xinjiang), the Shanghai-Nanking District and the Peking-Tsinan (Jinan) District. Taiwan is marked as a Japanese possession. Alexander Hosie (1853-1925) spent much of his career in China, becoming fluent in Chinese. He served as Consul-General for Province of Szechuen in 1902 and, despite retiring in 1912, was Special Attaché to the British Legation 1919-1920. Hosier was also British delegate to the Shanghai International Opium Commission in 1909, after which he was appointed to investigate the production of opium in China, about which he wrote 'On the Trail of the Opium Poppy', 1914. In 1912 China joined the European powers in signing the International Opium Convention, agreeing to suppress the trade.



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